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Second jail suicide under investigation

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

A 51-year old Arkansas man took his own life last Friday, April 13 in the Crawford County Jail, three days after being sentenced to state prison on attempted aggravated stalking charges resulting from a violation of a Personal Protection Order (PPO) held by his ex-wife.

Crawford County Sheriff's Detective Sgt. Rich Meyer said the inmate was showering and shaving prior to being transported from the jail to Jackson State Prison early Friday morning, around 7:30 a.m., when he committed suicide apparently by cutting the femoral artery in one of his legs with his shaving razor. Meyer said the inmate's body was transported to Grand Rapids for autopsy to determine the exact cause of death, as he had suffered from undisclosed recent health problems.

This is the second incident of suicide in the jail in little over a year. In March, 2000, a parolee hung himself while being detained in a holding cell.

According to 46th Circuit Court records, the man had a history of allegedly committing domestic violence.

A divorce from his wife of 15 years was final last September. Prior to that, his ex-wife was granted a one-year PPO, effective October 28, 1999, after she gave a written statement to the court describing years of alleged abuse, including an incident when she was

beaten with a baseball bat. She told the court that she left her husband in July, 1999 while living in Arkansas and fled with her two young sons to Michigan where he later found her near Fife Lake. She also wrote that at one time her husband threatened to kill himself, and later threatened to kill her and their two young sons, if she left him. She stated he also blamed her and the boys for his health problems.

On July 13, 2000 the man was arrested for violating the PPO and was sentenced to one year in jail on October 9, 2000 on one count of Attempted Aggravated Stalking. His sentence included \$11,199.18 in restitution to his ex-wife, along with \$650 in fines and fees and placed on 60 months probation. He was also ordered to complete outpatient substance abuse counseling as well as a domestic violence program through River House Shelter.

Early this March, he was ordered to court for violating his probation by contacting his ex-wife "personally on the telephone and through the mail." On April 2, he pled guilty to attempted aggravated stalking as a result of the probation violation and was sentenced on April 10 to 20 to 30 months in state prison.

Detective Meyer said the inmate left a suicide note placing the blame on others for his demise. According to Meyer, the inmate had recently undergone psychiatric counseling and was not under a suicide watch.

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Easter Bunny shares sweet treats with all his pals



Photo courtesy of Grayling Recreational Authority

Easter in Crawford County just wouldn't be Easter without the annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Egg Hunt at Hanson Hills Recreation Area. Tikes of all ages had a chance to get their pictures taken with the season's special visitor and find lots of treats during the big hunt last Saturday, April 14 hosted by Grayling Recreational Authority.

Public asked for input on Industrial development

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

After years of planning and efforts to create an atmosphere to welcome new businesses and new jobs to Crawford County, Grayling Township will ask the public for suggestions and input regarding the Four Mile Road Commercial/Industrial Development Planning Project. The project has been officially under way since last August.

A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25 at the Grayling Township Hall. The hearing is required by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in order for the project to qualify for funding.

"This should be a very informative hearing," remarked Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright. "Anyone interested in the economic, commercial and industrial development of this area is encouraged to attend."

Wright said numerous people have been invited by the township board of trustees to attend and contribute to the hearing in order to

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ONE CANDIDATE REMAINS

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

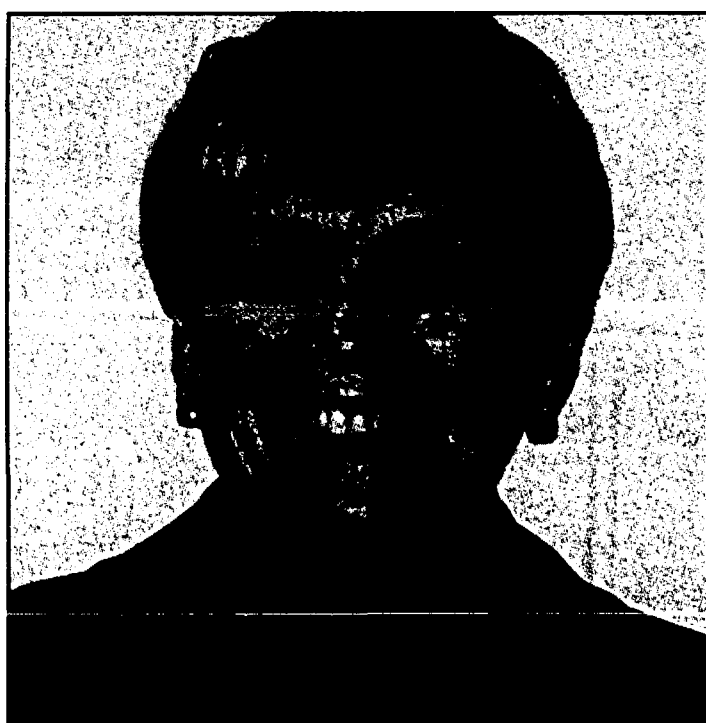
The search for a new superintendent appears to be drawing to a close for the Crawford AuSable School District's Board of Education. After weeks of research, application reviews, interviews (both formal and informal), and receptions, the board is down to one candidate.

Millie A. Haug (pronounced "Howg") is the last remaining after two of the top three candidates withdrew their applications. Robert Currie withdrew before his scheduled second interview and Jack Wallington decided to withdraw afterward.

School Board Vice President Karl Schreiner did not indicate the reasons why Wallington and Currie withdrew, but said the board will proceed as planned and make an on-site visit this week to Charlotte to observe Haug in her current work environment.

Haug currently serves as Associate Superintendent of Instruction for the Charlotte Public Schools.

Schreiner remarked that even though the board is left with only one candidate, "we can't make a decision without all the pieces. We plan on talking to a whole lot of people (in Charlotte)." The board will spend the day in Charlotte on April 18, then will meet that evening at 7:30 p.m. at



Millie Haug, of Charlotte, may be Crawford AuSable School's next superintendent. The School Board plans a visit to the district, where she currently works, on April 18.

Grayling Elementary School to make the decision whether or not to bring Haug on board as the new superintendent, replacing long-time administrator Kent Reynolds who will retire at the end of the current school year.

If Haug is named superintendent, she will be brought in as

soon as possible to help make the decision regarding the hiring of a new Assistant Superintendent to replace Paul Lerg as he also retires at the end of the 2000-2001 school year.

Initial interviews for Lerg's position are expected to begin early next week.

Ownership of Mill Pond Dam in question

► City of Grayling officials say MDOT owns it, MDOT says the city does

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

After conducting a public hearing last Monday on a proposed project that would gradually lower the AuSable Mill Pond Dam one foot, the Grayling City Council decided not to take a vote on the proposal due to a dispute over who owns the structure.

City officials have taken the stance that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) owns the dam, and MDOT officials have said the city owns it. The dam is located under the bridge at James Street in the city park just upstream from Ray's Canoe Livery.

"I do not think it is our dam," said City Manager Allen Lowe.

MDOT disagrees. "MDOT's interpretation of the documentation we have is that the city owns it," said Randy Oswald, Transportation Maintenance Coordinator at the MDOT Transportation Service Center in Grayling.

Council members contend that the dam is located within MDOT right-of-way and the James Street bridge and the dam are connected and basically exist as "one struc-

ture." (The bridge is MDOT's.) As of last Monday, the city had been unable to locate its files on the dam ownership issue following the city's departure from city hall.

The matter of dam ownership may have to be settled in court.

At the public hearing last Monday, Steve Sendek of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) presented the three-phase AuSable River "Headwaters Restoration Project" and fielded questions from citizens.

(The three phases are: adding large, woody debris to the banks of the AuSable to create habitats for fish and improve the overall health of the river; installing at least four more sand traps in the stream to collect sand and sediment; and lowering the Mill Pond Dam one-foot over the course of at least three years. The DNR is applying for a federal grant totalling \$2 million over the course of 10 years to pay for the three-phase project.)

The only public comments on the first two phases were favorable, but the proposal to lower the dam drew mostly opposition. Citizens specifically expressed concerns about property values and changing the nature of upstream wetlands. Some of those that spoke up felt the potential benefits of the project, improving fish passage over the dam and

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Assistant Superintendent to explore a 'different path'

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Visions of kayaking on the AuSable and Manistee Rivers, hiking, and traveling to Russia, Norway, Sweden and Denmark are just part of Paul Lerg's retirement plans come the end of this school year. Since 1973, Lerg has served the Crawford AuSable School District as Business Manager, then Assistant Superintendent, when Michigan School Code changed the job title. But, that was only after teaching physics and math for five years at Grayling High School.

Lerg had the choice of going back to the classroom when he signed on as Business Manager, but quickly found his niche working with the district's support staff and managing the budget.

"Financially," Lerg explained, "the district has always been in the lowest one-percent in the state because of the low tax base. It's all due to the amount of state and federal land." He said the early 1980s found the district in financial difficulties, but because of frugality and the passage of Proposal A, the district is doing well now. He commented, though, that he is concerned about how Proposal A affects the county, which has lost money since its passage.

Early on, Lerg went to work on establishing district job descriptions, non-existent at the time, and took on the responsibilities of Chief School Elections Official. Over the years, Lerg has overseen 47 school elections.

Known for being civic-minded,



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

After nearly 33 years with the district and 28 serving as Assistant Superintendent, Paul Lerg will retire from the Crawford AuSable School District at the end of the school year.

Lerg plans on staying in the community and remaining active as a member of Mercy Hospital's Finance Committee. In the past, Lerg has been actively involved with the Grayling Promotional Association, was treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, served on the Economic Development Committee, and spent 24 years on the Mercy Hospital Board of Directors. He is currently a member of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association Board and will continue that work in an effort to

find ways to provide and maintain access to primary health care for everyone. "I'm not really bidding good-bye," he said, "just taking a different path."

Lerg said he chose this time to retire because the district is in good shape, making conditions right to recruit a new superintendent as well as his successor. "The district is financially sound, we have an excellent (school) board and we have excellent administrators. It is a good time to leave from a recruitment standpoint. We have a lot to

offer and that brings in quality candidates."

The district's vision and quality of education, K-12, is what Lerg said he is most proud of in his years in Grayling. "All buildings have earned accreditation and we have the principals and the staff who make that possible. I've always enjoyed working with people and I have been fortunate to work with some great superintendents and with the workers at the central office. They are the real unsung workers in the district."

New GED test prompts warning: 'the end is near'

By Marisa Schultz
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Time is running out for adults in Michigan and nationwide trying to complete the General Educational Development (GED) test.

Starting in January 2002, a new edition of the test will be released. Every student must either successfully complete all five examinations of the current test before January or start all over again with the new GED exam.

"Basically, the test is getting more difficult," said Tiffany Dowling, director of marketing and public relations for the Michigan Department of Career Development. "The test is going to be moved up with the times."

The Department of Career Development has launched an advertising campaign with posters

and radio announcements to tell GED students that "the end is near."

"We don't want people to get frustrated who have one test left and didn't realize that the test was changing," Dowling said.

The 2002 edition of the GED is the third update to the original test. The first GED test was developed in 1942 to help returning World War II veterans finish their studies and re-enter civilian life. The test was updated in 1978 and 1988, which is the current version.

More than 800,000 adults each year take the GED nationwide and 30,000 in Michigan alone.

The changes in the GED will not affect those who already passed the test, only those who are currently working on completing it.

The GED consists of five sections: writing, social studies, science, math and interpreting litera-

ture and the arts.

The tests measure the academic skills and knowledge expected of high school graduates in the United States and Canada. Many employers and colleges consider the GED equivalent to a high school diploma.

Each of the five sections will be revised. One of the major changes is in the math section where students will be required to use a scientific calculator for graphing. Previously, no calculators were allowed.

Jacqui Frederiksen, academic adviser for the Chippewa Valley Schools adult and community education in Clinton Township, said the updates are designed to integrate a higher level of thinking into the test, rather than just fact- and content-based knowledge.

"Updates are a good thing," Frederiksen said. "Those schools and employers who accept GED stu-

dents can be assured that those who pass the test have the knowledge and skills of a current high school senior."

Frederiksen, who has worked at a community education center since 1988, sees about 200 students per year taking the GED, with about 170 passing the test.

About 25 students in the Chippewa GED preparation class are hurrying to finish the tests before the new edition is released.

"I just tell the students not to panic, but try to finish the tests this year," Frederiksen said.

Sample tests and teacher preparation materials won't be available until summer. The length of the test will remain the same at seven hours and 35 minutes total. However, the price could increase. The cost is \$100 at the Chippewa Valley Community Education Center.

Upcoming MEAP tests offers scholarship opportunity

The State of Michigan MEAP High School Tests will be administered at Grayling High School (GHS) beginning Monday, April 23, continuing through May 4.

The MEAP tests are given to students in the junior class and cover subject areas of mathematics, reading, writing, science and social studies.

Students will have the opportunity to earn endorsements in the various subjects. According to the Department of Education, "students

who score highly on the test have demonstrated achievement of valued and rigorous knowledge and skills."

Students also have the opportunity to earn a Michigan Merit Award - a scholarship worth \$2,500. "It is impressive to note how well students at Grayling High School have been performing on the state tests," remarked GHS counselor Lynn Thompson. "Nearly 81% of last year's juniors earned endorsements in writing, 84.5% in science, 93.5% in reading, 87.1% in math, and 66%

in social studies."

The Class of 2000 was the first graduating class to be eligible for the Michigan Merit Award. The Department of Treasury noted earlier last year that "about a third of Michigan test-takers from the class of 2000 are expected to receive the scholarship" (Detroit Free Press, April 4, 2000). Of 135 test-takers in Grayling High School's Class of 2000, 51% earned the Michigan Merit Award.

GHS MEAP testing is scheduled

as follows:

- April 23 - Reading test (80 minutes), 2nd and 3rd hours, in classrooms.
- April 24 - Writing test, Part I (35 minutes) 2nd hour, in classrooms.
- April 25 - Writing test, Part II (85 minutes), 2nd and 3rd hours, in classrooms.
- April 26 - Mathematics test (80 minutes), 1st and 2nd hours, in classrooms.
- April 27 - Make-up day. Reading and Writing only, 2nd through 4th hours, in the Media Center.
- April 30 - Social Studies, Part I (60 minutes), 5th and 6th hours, in classrooms.
- May 1 - Social Studies, Part II (50 minutes), 5th and 6th hours in classrooms.
- May 2 - Science (80 minutes), 5th and 6th hours, in classrooms.
- May 3 - Make-up day, Mathematics and Science, 2nd through 4th hours, in the Media Center.
- May 4 - Make-up day, Social Studies, 2nd through 4th hours, in the Media Center.

Second jail suicide under investigation

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The death remains under investigation. Sheriff David Lovely and Undersheriff Kirk Wakefield were unavailable for comment.
The inmate leaves two sons, ages 10 and 11.

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Tradition continues as local church members portray 'Last Supper'



Photo submitted by Carole Campbell

On the evening of Maundy Thursday, April 12, the reenactment of Florentine painter Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper" was presented at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Directed by Howard Taylor, the historic production featured George Morse as Nathaniel (Bartholomew), Walter Fleegeer as James the Lesser, Fred Campbell as Andrew, Steve Fick as Simon Peter, Steve Southard as Judas Iscariot, Don Palmer as John, Reverend Jeff Jagers as Jesus Christ, Larry Currison as James, Bill McQueen as Thomas, Al Johnston as Philip, Bob McIntosh as Matthew, John Chott as Thaddeus, and John Wylie as Simon the Zealot. Costumes and set were designed by Carole Campbell, Margie Davis and Shirley Schmooch.

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lowering the temperature of the river to make it a better trout stream, could be accomplished in other ways without lowering the dam.

Bob Smock, a fly fisherman and fly-tier and lifetime resident of Grayling, said, "There's more to the AuSable system than fly fishing. I think we would lose very much if that dam is lowered."

Jack Millikin, owner of Skip's Sport Shop, said the reason fishing isn't as good at times on the AuSable is "pressure," a lot of people using certain stretches of river during the summer months, not because of high water temperatures. "I don't feel lowering the dam is beneficial," he said.

The proposal wasn't entirely without supporters.

Steve Southard, owner of Ray's Canoe Livery, said that lowering the dam one foot is a good compromise and beneficial to the dam's long-term life, noting that the structure has to be maintained. "Eventually something is going to happen with that dam," he said.

Southard said the issue of removing the dam has come up several times over the years, and the DNR's policy is usually to have the dams taken out altogether. "One of the big benefits of an in-between step is it will put the issue to rest," he said.

After closing the public hearing, the city council discussed the issue of ownership, and opted not to vote on approving the proposal.

"At this point, I don't know whether we can make a decision," said Mayor Pro-Tem D.J. Brown.

Councilman Brian Banda

expressed the concern that if MDOT does indeed own the dam, the city loses its opportunity to control what happens to the century-old structure.

"We should still consider that proposal," Banda said. "We know what the state will do. Tear it out. This is a good compromise of not losing our dam."

After the meeting, Sendek said, "It's another step in the right direction. All the public comments were good."

The DNR needs permission from the owner of the dam to proceed with the dam-lowering phase of the proposed project, but the other two phases can be accomplished regardless of what happens with the dam. If the proposal to lower the dam isn't approved, the woody debris and sand trap work will still be done if the federal grant is approved, Sendek said.

Public asked for input on Industrial development

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ensure information on every aspect of the commercial/industrial project is provided to residents and others.

Those invited represent the business community, the township and county planning commissions and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Many aspects of the project will be discussed, including roads, utilities, fiber optics, land use and marketing. The scope of the project will be explained at the hearing by representatives from Capital Consultants Engineers and Wells/Mansfield, Inc.

"This meeting will allow Grayling Township to get information out to the public about the Industrial Park project and allow the public to let us know what they are thinking and what their concerns may be," said Wright. No decisions on any aspect of the development will be made by the township board, or any other elected or appointed board, at the hearing.

School board members face no opposition

by Cheryl Lyle
Staff Writer

Barring any last minute write-in campaigns, the make up of the Crawford AuSable School's Board of Education will most likely remain the same following the June 11 school election.

No one filed for candidacy in the election except for sitting board members Karl Schreiner, Vice President, and James Tobin, trustee.

"When people are unhappy, they run for office, and get out and vote," said the district's Assistant Superintendent, Paul Lerg, who also serves as Chief Elections Officer for school elections. Lerg said the lack of opposition is a good sign that things are running smoothly in the district.

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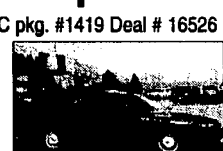
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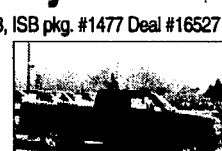
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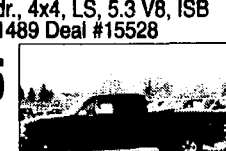
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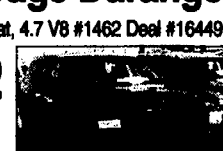
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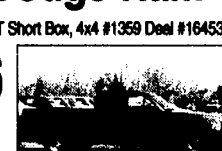
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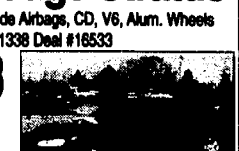
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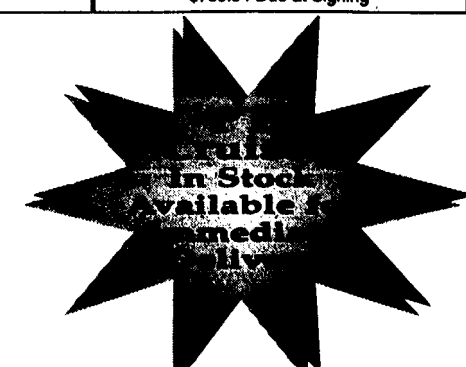
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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Video of execution too ghoulish, even for McVeigh

I SEE BY THE PAPERS the May 16 execution of Timothy McVeigh for blowing up the Oklahoma City federal building will be televised.

That's too bad.

Certainly McVeigh's deadly actions would justify an execution, if anything could.

Apparently he intended the bombing six years ago, which killed 168 persons and injured hundreds of others, as a political statement... his personal response to lethal government actions at Ruby Ridge and Waco.

Some relatives of McVeigh victims have demanded to watch as he dies by lethal injection, but only 10 eye witnesses can be accommodated at the execution itself.

For the rest, the Justice

Department has set up a "state of the art video conferencing" system so 200 other relatives of victims can watch McVeigh die.

The husband of one Oklahoma City victim said: "It just pleases me to no end. I don't know what we would have done if we didn't get to see it."

As for Timothy McVeigh, he has no problem with closed circuit TV of the execution. He even suggested it be televised nationally.

To me, a televised or "video conference" to watch the execution is ghoulish. It caters to the basest instincts of human nature.

I guess I don't understand the need some relatives have expressed to see McVeigh die. He will be dead by lethal injection, that's certain.

So does the act of witnessing his

death, even by video conferencing, put an end to their sorrow and grief? Does it "bring closure," which is a pseudo psychological favorite of the day?

Probably not as long as any memory of a lost loved one remains.

I can understand the resentment and hate for McVeigh that bereaved loved ones must feel, but revenge is something else again.

I've never lost a loved one to violence, but if I do, I hope I don't feel the lust for vengeance that watching the execution identifies.

I SEE BY THE PAPERS President George W. Bush has dropped the other money shoe on Congress and the public with a \$1.9 trillion spending budget.

Now the fun begins. As with any

program packaged in words and figures, the devil is in the details, and many of the details are yet to be worked out.

"This budget funds our needs without the fat," the President said.

However, what is one person's fat is another person's sinew. For example, the Bush proposal would cut out more than 3,200 items that members of Congress have stuck in previous budgets to save \$8 billion.

Fat or sinew? Ah, there's the rub.

A couple of things to keep in mind as we try to keep up with tax and spend maneuvering in Washington in coming days:

* A trillion dollars is a lot of money.

* Mr. Bush will not get all his \$1.6 trillion tax cut, nor all his \$1.9 billion spending plan. Congress

will help decide. The end will be compromise.

* The tax plan looks out 10 years in advance. It's premised on assumptions that may or may not prove true, such as the national economy will grow every year at a steady rate, and the surplus will continue to grow with it. Those things may not happen.

* There is no pile of \$1.6 trillion tax dollars ready to be sent out to taxpayers when and if the Bush tax cut is approved. What he proposes is a reduction in tax rates in the future. Taxes we've already paid are not coming back to us. Taxes will still be paid in the future, but perhaps at lower rates.

* The Bush proposal is an across the board tax cut, with all personal income tax rates reduced. Those

who pay more taxes will get more relief. Those who pay less will get less. Those who pay nothing will get nothing. Vice President Dick Cheney paid \$14 million federal income tax for 2000. Under the Bush plan, he would get a whale of a lot more relief than I would, and probably more than everybody else who's reading this column, all put together.

* Today's budget plans take effect in October for the 1992 fiscal year. We'll be hearing and reading a lot about it for a long time yet.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WASHINGTON NOTES

from Senator Carl Levin (D-Michigan)

Celebrating Earth Day

Thirty-one years after we celebrated the first Earth Day, we continue to renew our commitment to promote a healthy environment and conserve our natural resources for future generations. On April 22 of each year, we set aside one day to celebrate the Earth and take time to be thankful for the clean air we breathe, the clean water we drink and our nation's natural beauty. But we need to remember on each day that follows that we are stewards of the Earth's resources, and we need to rededicate ourselves every day to their protection.

In Michigan, we are blessed with a great natural wealth -- fertile agricultural lands, abundant natural resources, and the world's largest system of fresh surface water. In the last ten years, Michigan has grown by almost seven percent. Working with Michigan communities to accommodate this and future growth while preserving our natural environment is one of my top environmental priorities.

The Great Lakes hold nearly 20 percent of the world's fresh water and provide over 10,000 miles of shoreline. We depend on the Great Lakes for drinking water, agriculture, recreation and commerce. As co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Great Lakes Task Force, I work with my colleagues on legislation to protect the economic and environmental health of the Great Lakes region.

Our legislative successes such as \$30 million for Great Lakes coastal restoration grants, demonstration projects by the Army Corps of Engineers to remediate contaminated sediments in Saginaw Bay and

the Detroit River, and the inclusion of the Great Lakes in a new national grant program for estuary restoration will help Michigan clean up and protect the Great Lakes for future generations.

It is impossible for us to protect our water without protecting our land. Over the past century, development patterns have dramatically changed our nation's landscape. Compact urban centers have given way to sprawling metropolitan areas. The result is habitat loss and fragmentation and degradation of water resources and water quality. More roads and rooftops on our urban fringe are leading to increased water pollution through runoff, altered watersheds, reduced groundwater recharge and the loss of precious farmland.

In Michigan, development continues to replace valuable farmland and open space. We are losing 10 acres of farmland per hour per day. As co-chair of the Senate Smart Growth Task Force, I am working with my colleagues to promote federal policies that complement state and local smart growth efforts.

To help rural communities protect farmland and their cultural heritage, I co-sponsored legislation last year to expand the Farmland Protection Program. The program provides incentives to farmers to keep their land in production rather than selling it for development. This year, I will continue to promote programs to protect our farming heritage. I also support full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund which provides millions of dollars to Michigan to acquire land for conser-

vation purposes.

In addition to farmland preservation, brownfields redevelopment is central to land conservation efforts. Brownfields are former industrial or commercial properties where contamination inhibits the reuse of brownfields. I co-sponsored legislation that would provide much needed funding to state and local governments to assess and clean up brownfield sites.

The bill would also remove the threat of lawsuits for neighboring landowners and prospective buyers. I also plan to introduce legislation to aid in the economic redevelopment of brownfields by providing grants to encourage communities, state and local governments, Indian tribes and non-profit organizations to redevelop brownfields rather than develop greenfields or farmland.

This April as we once again come together as a national and international community to celebrate Earth Day, I am honored to represent the citizens of Michigan who are strongly committed to the protection of our natural resources. I hope you will join me in committing to improving the quality of our environment for all.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

Postal customers view mail service in positive light

To the editor,

Ninety-five percent of households in ZIP Codes 486-491 and 493-497 have a positive view of the Postal Service. Our Customer Satisfaction Measurement (CSM) System is conducted by The Gallup Organization.

We ask our customers to rate their experience at their post office. I'm pleased that 95 percent rated us in the good, very good and excellent category. I commend these employees, from letter carriers to retail clerks, and all those involved in processing mail, for providing outstanding customer service.

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Charles E. Howe
District Manager
United States Postal Service

If it isn't broke, don't try to fix it

To the editor,

A few points about lowering the dam in downtown Grayling:

1. DNR put on a glitzy show.
2. DEQ said the dam was in good condition and at present has no safety problems.

Downstream siltling must be avoided

To the editor,

It's not nice to fool Mother Nature.

The proposed lowering of the dam in downtown Grayling can be an asset to the city and the river if it is done a little at a time, followed by careful checking of the results on a gradual basis. Downstream siltling must be avoided.

Richard Slater
Grayling

Horse testing law for EIA 'too much, too fast'

To the editor,

I would like to make your readers, particularly horse owners, aware of their lawful obligation to get their horses tested for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), and how my bill, SB 350, is going to alter the current law, Public Act 323 of 2000, which took effect January 1, 2001.

PA 323 was sponsored by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and was probably too much, too fast.

The act states that all horses in Michigan must be tested annually for EIA if they leave the owner's property and utilize a public road. This means every horse owner is now in violation of PA 323 unless they have had their horse tested in 2001.

As a result of numerous letters, e-mails and phone calls to both my office and Senator George McManus' office, I introduced a bill to change the law. While there has been strong support to do away with the required testing, we have also received positive support for keeping the annual test. In an attempt to find a reasonable solution, SB 350 will continue to require the test for all horses in Michigan by December 31,

2001, and then every three years thereafter until 2011.

Both the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Senator McManus and myself have asked the Michigan State Police to cease enforcing the part of the law that makes it a violation to travel public roads with untested horses. SB 350 deletes that provision entirely, which allows horses to be transported to veterinary clinics or central testing sites.

If a horse participates in an exhibition, a show, a race or an exposition, annual testing is required. Private organizers of trail rides or plough days have the option of requiring a negative EIA test in order to participate in the event, but this will not be mandatory.

SB 350 has been shaped by many voices from the equine community. My hope is to pass a fair and positive one that not only calls for testing of all horses in a reasonable time, but allows for a timely response by all horse owners.

Senator Leon Stille
32nd District
Michigan State Senate

wasn't for the little lower dam catching all that silt, the AuSable River would have turned into an ecological disaster. That's how close Crawford County and the State of Michigan came to losing a beautiful and pristine river at the stroke of a pen.

If the DNR is so worried about this river, you would think it would have done its homework the first time. So, let's let the dam stay the way it is. If it isn't broke, don't try to fix it!

Ronald F. Alleman
Grayling

Rely on the rule of law, not the rule of the gun

To the editor

I am sure that Pastor B. loves God. However, I wonder if he has offended many Christians, or if I am the only one?

I strongly object to my Saviour being roped in to support citizens arming themselves against their own government. Yes, He said "Buy a sword" once. But most of the time He said, "He who lives by the sword, dies by the sword," and "Turn the other cheek." St. Paul told us to live by Faith, Hope, and Love. He might have added "And the greatest of these is an hour of practice with the Gladiators every day," but he didn't. He said, "The greatest of these is Love."

Does Pastor B really want us to shoot politicians when we don't agree with them?

At this Holy season of Easter, we should be doubly conscious that Jesus wanted us to learn to live in love and peace with each other. I believe that our great country has progressed farther on that path than any country in Jesus's time even dreamed of. We may not be perfect, but we have democratic methods to solve our differences.

To continue the progress, we have to safeguard our democracy by Christian principles, by relying on the rule of law, not the rule of the gun.

Cathy Lester
Grayling

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BRIEFS

Project Graduation hosts pancake dinner

The 2001 Project Graduation Committee will be hosting an all-you-can-eat pancake dinner on Monday, April 23, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Lone Pine Restaurant located just a few blocks north of Grayling on the I-75 Business Loop. Cost is \$3.50 per person; kids 5 and under eat free. Meal includes pancakes, sausage and beverage. All proceeds go to help pay the expenses of the chaperoned senior all-night party on June 1 (Graduation Night) that provides a safe, alcohol/drug-free celebration for over 120 Grayling High School graduates. The party includes food, games, entertainment and lots of prizes.

Church plans Mother/Child Banquet

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church is hosting its annual Mother/Child Banquet on May 8 at 6 p.m. The dinner is a catered affair. The program is entitled, "Presenting Our Own." Tickets are: adults \$6; children (ages five to 12) \$3; there is no charge for children under age five. Call the church office at 348-2974 for tickets. Deadline for ordering is May 1.

VFW Post 3736 looking for new members

Attention veterans: VFW Post 3736 is looking for eligible veterans to come and join the post. Wives of veterans are invited to join the post Auxiliary. A Swiss Steak Dinner will be held at the American Legion Hall on Saturday, April 28, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. to raise money for the VFW Building Fund. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$3 for children age five to 12; children under five eat free. Those interested in joining the VFW should bring a copy of their DD-214 or discharge papers or some proof of your out of country service. Annual dues are \$18.

NHS hosts Hospice Spaghetti Dinner

Members of the Grayling High School National Honor Society will prepare and serve a spaghetti dinner on Thursday, April 26, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall (604 Norway Street in Grayling). Proceeds from the dinner will go toward helping fund Mercy Amicare Hospice and Hospice of Michigan services. Both organizations provide services to individuals and their families who have life-threatening illnesses. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, roll and dessert. Cost is \$6 for adults; \$4 for kids. Tickets are available from GHS NHS members, Mercy Amicare Hospice employees, the Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice office and at the door. Call Sherry Haag at (517) 348-4383 for more information.

Wild Turkey Shoot and seminar planned

The AuSable River Valley Wild Turkey Chapter of Mio and the Lost Creek Sky Ranch in Luzerne will sponsor a Wild Turkey Seminar and Turkey Shoot on Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Lost Creek Sky Ranch. Donation for the seminar, with guest speaker Rod Little, is \$3. Turkey Shoot will follow the seminar. Shotgun shells will be provided at \$2 each or three for \$5. Food will be available on site. For more information and directions, call (517) 826-3474.

Ostomy support group to meet

The Straits Area Ostomy Association support group will hold its regular meeting on Sunday, April 22 at 2 p.m. in the cafeteria of Community Memorial Hospital in Cheboygan. All ostomates and interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, call (517) 821-5721.

Shelter hosts Adopt-A-Pet Day

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County will host Adopt-A-Pet Day, Saturday, April 21. This annual event will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the shelter located at 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East), between the Road Commission and Eagles' Hall, in Grayling. The public is invited to come to the shelter and see all the dogs and cats up for adoption. For more information about Adopt-A-Pet Day or about the animals at the shelter, call 348-4117.

Cultural Events to present 'Storybook England'

Don't miss the last travelogue!



The Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program will be hosting "Storybook England," the program's last travelogue of the 2000-2001 season, on Thursday, April 19. The event will be held at the Rialto

Theatre in Grayling at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

Tickets are \$5/individual or \$4.50 for students and seniors.

"Storybook England" is the sixth (and final) travelogue in the Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program's "Travel & Adventure Series."

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The deadline for registering for the Lakeshore & Streambank Workshop, Friday, May 18 at the Continuing Education Center at Kirtland Community College is Tuesday, May 1. The day-long workshop, (8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.), will feature guest speakers, panel discussions, and presentations by natural resources experts about how to manage waterfront property to protect water quality, establish green belts and landscaping, control erosion, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, and control nuisance organisms.

The Workshop, billed as "Creative Ideas and Solutions for your Waterfront Property," will also feature conservation organizations that will provide display booths, information and items sale.

Dr. Douglas G. Pullman, Ph.D., Aquest Corporation is the workshop's guest speaker. The cost for registration is \$20 per person and includes educational kit and lunch. Checks should be made out to and mailed to: Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District, P.O. Box 156, Roscommon, MI 48653 by May 1, 2001.

The Workshop is being produced as an adjunct activity to the Kirtland's Warbler Festival, which will be held on the Kirtland campus the following day, May 19. Several of the guest experts at the Workshop will also be making presentations at the Festival.

Program information about the Workshop can be found on the Kirtland's Warbler Festival web page at: www.kirtland.cc.mi.us/~warbler/

The other cooperative agencies

involved in the sponsorship and production of the Workshop are: Conservation Districts of Team Huron; USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service; Michigan State University Extension; Huron Pines Resources Conservation & Development; and Ducks Unlimited. For further information about the Workshop, please call (989) 275-5231.

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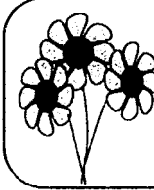
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The Bible Speaks

Madalyn Murray O'Hair dead?

If investigators have accurately identified the remains west of Austin, Texas as those of Madalyn Murray O'Hair, she is dead. The archbishop of atheism along with two members of her family were apparently abducted and murdered in 1995.

What a legacy she left. She boasted that she was the most hated woman in America. She said the pope should be tried for "crimes against humanity". She said the Bible is a fraud concocted by a bunch of Jews, starved, wandering around the Sinai desert. Most of us remember her as the instigator of the 1963 Supreme Court case that removed prayer from the schools. Following this precedent, the court logically went on to ban invocations at graduation ceremonies, student-led prayers at football games, the display of the Ten Commandments in schools and nativity scenes in many public places. All this was done in the name of separation of church and state and stopping the establishment of a state religion.

Her atheistic revolution lives on drawing many obsessive disciples bent on expunging religion from all public life. When the name of Jesus Christ was mentioned in prayers at the George W. Bush inauguration, Barry Lynn, head of Americans United for the

Separation of Church and State said such speech was "inappropriate and insensitive". Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz said these prayers "excluded tens of millions of Americans who are Muslims, Jews, Buddhists, Shintoists, atheists and agnostics."

In contrast, Seth Leibsohn of the Jewish Policy Center reminded us that references to Jesus were included in prayers at the inaugurations of Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton without any mass alienation among America's non-Christians.

Poor Madalyn Murray O'Hair was apparently abducted and murdered by some of her own greedy atheistic employees. So what did her war against God, the Bible, and religion accomplish for America? She helped destroy authority, civility, morality, unity, and a common faith that bound us together as "one nation under God." Worst of all, she died without accepting the God who loved her and caused many to fall into her own godless footsteps. Perhaps one good thing came out of her rebellion, her own son became a professing Christian and entered the gospel ministry to preach Jesus Christ.

Just as one person can bring great

destruction to a nation, so also, one Godly person can promote righteousness and Godliness. Remember that even, "...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." (James 5:16) "And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. 10So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed." (Exo 17:9-11) Today America desperately needs a Moses. Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html> We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Annual Spiritualist convention planned

The Michigan State Spiritualist Association of Churches (MSSAC) will hold its 109th Annual Convention at the Quality Inn in West Branch, May 17-20.

According to the MSSAC, Spiritualism is a "Science, Philosophy, and Religion of the Continuous Life after the Change called death." The birth of modern Spiritualism celebrated its 153rd Anniversary on March 31.

The featured worker at the convention will be The Reverend Sandra Pfortmiller, NST, of Glendale, Arizona. She is a National Spiritualist Teacher (NST), co-founder and co-pastor of the Church of the Living Spirit in the Phoenix/Glendale, Arizona area. Rev. Pfortmiller is also a Commissioned Healer, Certified Medium through the National Spiritualist Association of

Churches (NSAC), and has been in Spiritualism for 22 years.

For the past 11 years, Rev. Pfortmiller has been the Editor of the *National Spiritualist-Summit*, is currently the Secretary/Treasurer of the Healing Center, is an NSAC Missionary, and has served as an officer on the boards of the Ministerial Association, the Licentiate Minister, and Certified Mediums Society.

In 1992, she attended the Parliament of World's Religions as one of the representatives of Spiritualism, and just completed a book on the Spiritualist Lexicon.

Workshops will be presented on Thursday and Friday afternoon at 2 p.m.

On Thursday, the worker will be Marcia Hyatt, President of the MSSAC of Detroit. She will present "Marketing Your Church." On Friday, Rev. Pfortmiller will pre-

sent "Spirit Messages - Spirit Guides."

Worship services are scheduled for Thursday and Friday evenings at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Pfortmiller. Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m. is the Lyceum (Sunday School) to be conducted by the Younger Generation of Spiritualist.

A banquet will be served on Sunday at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$19 for teens 13-19, and \$12 for children 12 and under. Tickets must be purchased by May 18. Entertainment will be provided by Rev. Maureen Darga "Moose."

For more information about the convention or the MSSAC, contact Gail Wrona, Public Relations Chairman, at (231) 347-9601 or M. Elaine Weichner, Secretary of the MSSAC, at (517) 257-4133.

The convention is open to the public.

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Michael S. Duncel, of Grayling, graduated in December from Ferris State University with Highest Distinction; Mr. Duncel received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree, with a major in Business Administration.

Church Directory



"I feel like I'm on a merry-go-round!" Surely we have heard that sentiment of emptiness or frustration. Every day seems like the next. We see one set of problems after another until we're dizzy and not merry at all.

In contrast, a child sees the situation differently. As he whirls round and around, he sees something unique with every revolution, giddy and giggling with merriment!

What makes the difference? Are we resigned to the fact that each day will be the same? Have we ceased to expect life to be an excitingly beautiful experience?

Begin this week with a positive attitude. Expect beauty at every turn. As you worship this Sabbath, remember God's promise in Mark 10:15... "I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Start the merry-go-round! As a child of God, you'll love the ride!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East
(1st building on right inside camp entrance)

Church Service
Saturday 9:30 am
Sabbath School
Saturday 10:30 am
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday 7 pm

Burning Bush Tabernacle
Pastor Patricia Petrie, 348-1278
501 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church 11 am
Sunday Evening Service 6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting 7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm
Thursday Discipleship Class 7 pm
Significant Singles Monday 7 pm

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885
Parsonage 348-2588

Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children 7 pm

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President George D. Rasin
600 North Elm Street, Gaylord
Sacrament 10 am
Sunday School 11 am
Primary 11 am
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Emma Lowery United Church Of Christ
3474 West Park Road, Luzerne
Sunday Worship 11 am
Adult and Youth
Sunday School 9:30 am

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday 7 pm

St. John Lutheran (ELCA)
Pastor Wayne Knockel
710 Spruce Street
348-5224
Sunday School 9:15 am
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
Nursery is available

Community of Christ
Pastor Carol Stephan
North Down River Rd. at
1030 Glenn Rd. • P.O. Box 1188
Church School 9:45 am
Preaching 11 am
Midweek Service Prayer 7 pm

Gaylord Christian Reformed
Rev. V. Schaap
415 Ohio North, Gaylord
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 pm

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Community
Robert W. Nailey, J.V., Pastor
700-708 Peninsular - 348-7657
Sabbath Eucharist
Saturday Vigil Mass 6 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am
Family Mass 10:00 am
Scripture Study (Sundays) 9:15 am
Daily Masses 8:30 am
Wednesday & Fridays 8:30 am

First Baptist Church of Frederic
Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 pm

Resurrection Life Church
Pastor Jimmie McWatters
Grayling Days Inn Conference Room
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Sunday Services 11:00 am

Calvary Baptist Church
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M-72 West
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Morning Worship 10:30 am
Evening Worship 6 pm
Mid-Week Services
Wednesday 7 pm
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed.) 7 pm

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Sunday Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening 6 pm
Wednesday
Mid-Week Bible Study 7 pm

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Sunday School 9 am
Sunday Service 10 am

The Church of Christ with the Elijah Message
Pastor Paul Rolfe
7662 Kelly Ave., Frederic
Sunday Worship 10 am & 7 pm
Wed. Prayer Service 7 pm

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Studer
211 Shellenbarger St.
348-5325
Sunday School 10 am
Sunday Worship 11 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening 7 pm

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
705 Madsen St. • Grayling
348-2557

Sunday School 9:45 am
Morning Worship 11 am
Evening Service 6 pm
Wednesday Service 7 pm

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
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Sunday School 10 am
Worship Service 11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday 7 pm

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Wednesday
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Office 348-5850

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Sunday Morning Worship 11 am
Sunday Evening Worship 6 pm
Wednesday Bible Study 7 pm

Unity Center
Terry Dickinson, Minister
Otsego Twp. Hall, Waters
(517) 348-1584
Sunday Services 10:30 am
Sunday School 10:30 am

Westminster-By-The-Lake
Higgins Lake - (just east of Ralph MacMullan Conference Center)
Sunday Outdoor Chapel Worship 11 am

National Infant Immunization Week observed

Each day, 11,000 babies are born in this country expecting to live long and healthy lives. Yet, nearly 25% of these little ones will reach the age of two without receiving all the recommended immunizations needed to keep them safe from deadly childhood diseases.

Although more children have been immunized in the past few years than ever before, immunization rates in our country are still far too low, posing a health threat to all our children. According to Marilyn Pratt, Immunization Coordinator for District Health Department #10, there is still much to be done in preventing childhood diseases.

"Presently, the greatest challenges facing infant immunizations revolve

around the public's perception that we do not have a childhood immunization problem in this country. Other issues such as violence and drug abuse attract the most media attention and public interest. As a result, immunization does not receive the attention it deserves. But, we do have a problem in this country -- too few children are fully immunized by the age of two years."

National Infant Immunization Week, April 22-28, is an annual observance that highlights the importance of timely immunizations. "We cannot become complacent," said Pratt, speaking of immunizations. "Childhood diseases that could be prevented by immuniza-


tion are still with us. In 1997, only 26% of children ages 19-35 months had received the vaccine that prevents chicken pox and children continue to die from this disease. Also, thousands of cases of whooping cough still occur."

National Infant Immunization Week is a time to remind parents and caregivers of the need to immunize young children in order to give them a healthy start in life. The Health Department will be holding its regularly scheduled immunization clinics throughout the month and will be happy to assist parents with questions about the current immunization schedule and new vaccines such as chicken pox and pneumococcal conjugate.

"Parents of infants should plan on five visits to a health care provider between two months and two years of age in order for their baby to receive the seven kinds of vaccines that prevent 11 deadly diseases. Whooping cough, measles, chicken pox and other diseases need not occur," said Pratt. "Parents and caregivers should check with health care providers to make sure their children's immunizations are up to date."

National Immunization Week reminds everyone that all children need to be fully immunized for a healthy start in the 21st century. As Pratt stated, "Immunizing a child protects not only the individual, but the health of the entire community."

For more information, call Marilyn Pratt at 876-3835 or Linda De Marchis at 876-3836 or the local Health Department at 348-7800.



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Bridge maintenance will restrict 'wide loads'

► Special crossings scheduled during Mackinac Bridge maintenance

As part of ongoing maintenance efforts for Michigan's roads and bridges, motorized work platforms will be installed on the Mackinac Bridge this year. The "travelers" will run the full five-mile length of the bridge, improving the 43-year-old bridge, improving access for inspection and maintenance.

One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on the Mackinac Bridge as new work platforms are installed underneath it

beginning May 1. Vehicles wider than 10 feet will be restricted to specific crossing times. Maintenance activities are conducted for safe and efficient travel on the bridge between Michigan's Upper and Lower peninsulas.

"As an important transportation link and pathway to tourism and international commerce, we understand the need to keep the Mackinac Bridge available for all traffic," said State Transportation Director Gregory J. Rosine. "But we also take seriously the responsibility of ensuring it remains in the very best condition."

Beginning May 1, both northbound and southbound traffic will cross the bridge using the two

northbound lanes. The two southbound lanes will be closed for installation of the travelers. All lanes are expected to open to all traffic again on approximately May 18.

Special crossing times provide for vehicles wider than 10 feet. These vehicles may cross Monday through Friday only, between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m., and from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

"We are making every effort to minimize the impact on traffic," said Hank Lotoszinski, Mackinac Bridge Authority executive secretary. "We will get in and out of there as quickly as possible."

The five-mile long "Mighty Mac" is the longest suspension bridge in North America.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 30 complaints during the week of April 8-14:

Four private property accidents, two motorist assists, one breaking and entering, two larcenies, two malicious destruction of property, two juvenile complaints, three assists to other departments, two false alarms, four assaults, one animal control, one violation of a personal protection order, four suspicious situations, and 2 unclassified complaints. Five traffic warnings were also issued.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 66 calls during the week of April 9-15:

Two CSC/sexual assault, one larceny, two damage to property, six public peace/disorderly, four OUIL/DWLS, four driving violations/DWLS, etc., two health and safety, three miscellaneous criminal offenses, one runaway, 11 traffic accidents, three false alarm activations, one hazardous condition, four motor vehicle inspections, one civil matter disputes - family trouble, five suspicious situations, 12 general non-criminal, one larceny-other, one damage to private property, two miscellaneous arrests.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during April 18 through April 24:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Bombing and strafing firing conducted. April 18 - April 20: Commence firing, 6 a.m.; Cease-fire, 10 p.m. April 23 - 24: Commence firing, 6 a.m.; Cease-fire, 5 p.m.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Road 618, and west of county Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Military maneuvers and mortar firing. April 20 - 22: Commence firing, 6 a.m.; Cease-fire, 12 midnight.

The Range 30 Complex, located north of North Down River Road, east of Jones Lake Road, south of CR 612, and west of Bald Hill Truck Trail. Small arms firing conducted. April 21 - 22: Commence firing, 6 a.m.; Cease - fire, 12 midnight.

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Don't buy a castle just because rates are low

► Is it prime time to get a good rate on a mortgage?

"Don't let the drop in interest rates lure you into buying more house than you can afford," said Steve Rhode, president and co-

founder of Myvesta.org, the nation's only nonprofit comprehensive financial crisis center. "Use lower interest rates to your advantage and buy what you can reasonably afford. That way you'll be able to furnish your new home and live comfortably, without setting yourself up for future debt problems."

Almost 10 million mortgages

were made last year. That number could increase exponentially in 2001 because interest rates are predicted to drop to new lows.

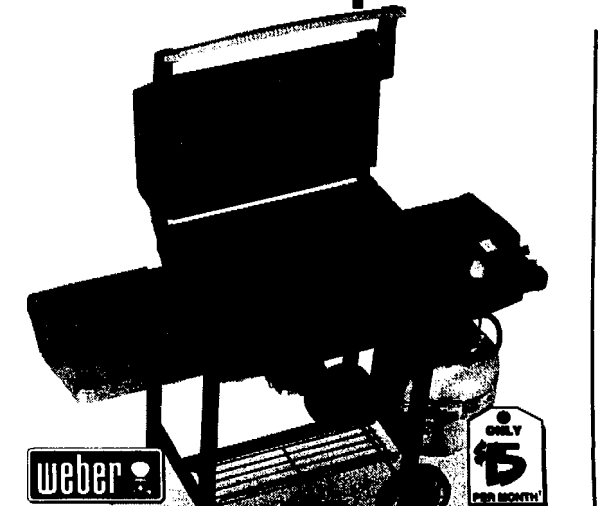
"Lenders try to give you the biggest mortgage their formulas determine you can afford," Rhode said. "Just because a lender qualifies you for a certain amount, doesn't always mean it is right for you."

While the low rates are attractive, Americans' average debt-to-income ratio is already at 90 percent. Seventy-five percent of that debt is tied up in mortgages. "A 70 percent total debt-to-income ratio is much more reasonable," Rhode said. "Your mortgage shouldn't be more than 40 percent of your take home pay. Keep other debts, including credit cards and auto loans, under 20 percent."

Rhode added, "Too many people are in serious debt trouble because they buy too much house for their income. The last thing anyone wants to hear is that they should move into a less expensive home."

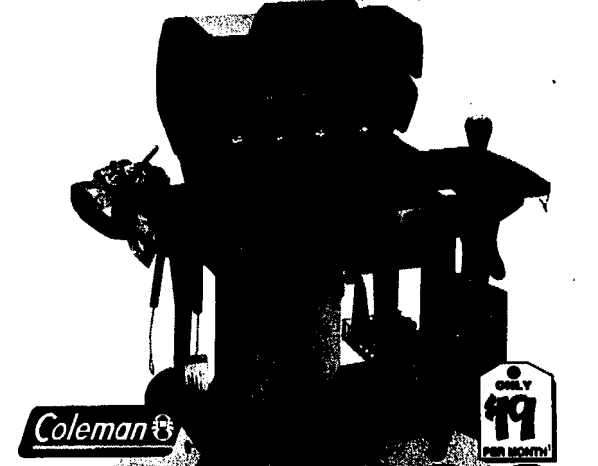


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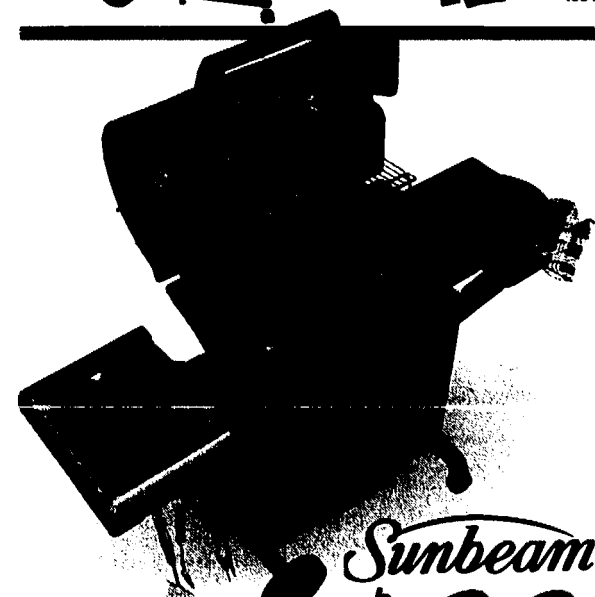
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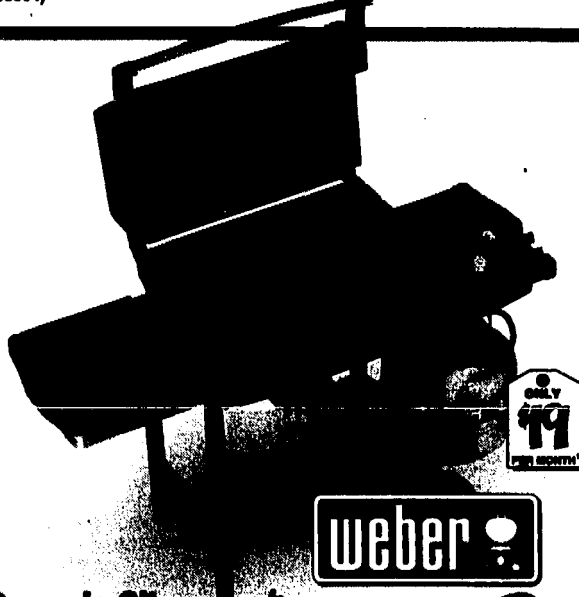
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The lower interest rates are expected to trigger a rush of mortgage refinancings. "Some families could free up hundreds of dollars a month by refinancing," Rhode said. "Be sure to use extra money to build your future by paying down debt and putting money into savings. The most important thing to do is keep new debt off credit cards. Charge them up again and you'll have a double whammy of debt problems."

The economic enthusiasm of the last few years has died down. That, coupled with increasing numbers of job layoffs, could help to bring more people into reasonable spending limits, Rhodes said. "However, drops in income and spending don't happen at the same rate. People need to adjust their spending quickly when their income drops or they'll find themselves with big debt troubles."

For more information on managing personal debt and finances, log on to: Myvesta.org. The organization is committed to helping people resolve past financial mistakes, manage current financial responsibilities and find financial peace of mind. Prior to April 2000, Myvesta.org was known as Debt Counselors of America.

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James and Deanna Compton of Roscommon announce the arrival of Anna Leigh Compton born March 18, 2001.

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Jermi Taylor and Melanie Mateos of Grayling announce the arrival of Damon Lee Taylor born March 19, 2001.

Keith and Cheryl Ritchings of Higgins Lake announce the arrival of James Keith Ritchings born March 20, 2001.

Nick and Jennifer Carpenter of Roscommon announce the arrival of Samantha Carpenter born March 21, 2001.

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Robert Press and Laurie Liddle of Roscommon announce the arrival of Robert Shane Press born March 22, 2001.

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David and Kristin Jones of Roscommon announce the arrival of

Kara Lynn Jones born March 28, 2001.

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Galloway, Jessica Golnick, Krysta Golnick, Eric Gosicki, Kristy Hardy, Zeke Hayes, Michael Hoag, Shantina Jacobs, Phillip Johnson, Victoria King, Jesse Lane, Matthew J. Larson, Matthew L. Larson, Aneava Limmel, Ashley Lockwood, Kara Longendyke, Joshua Mastej, Michelle McGuire, Jessie Morley, Nerissa Morris, Chelsea Papendick, Kellan Morigley, Drew Rasmussen, Tequila Reynolds, Kendra Royster, Christina Schmidt, Reagan Schmidt, John Schneider, Jill Seager, Maranda Shear, Brittany Sloan, Andrea Southard, Scott Stilson, Meghan Thomas, Jessica Thomson, Justine Tozer, Amanda VanNuck, Chelsea VanNuck, Samantha

Wakeley, Mark Wejrowski, Alyssa Farrell, Joshua Hinkle, Anthony Neal, Mallory Olson, Tracy Payne and Rebecca Ramaswamy.

8th Grade

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Tyler Cragg, Kelly Duncley, Alyssa Farrell, Joshua Hinkle, Anthony Neal, Mallory Olson, Tracy Payne and Rebecca Ramaswamy.

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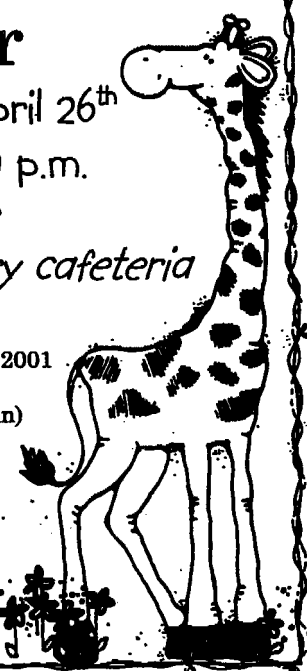
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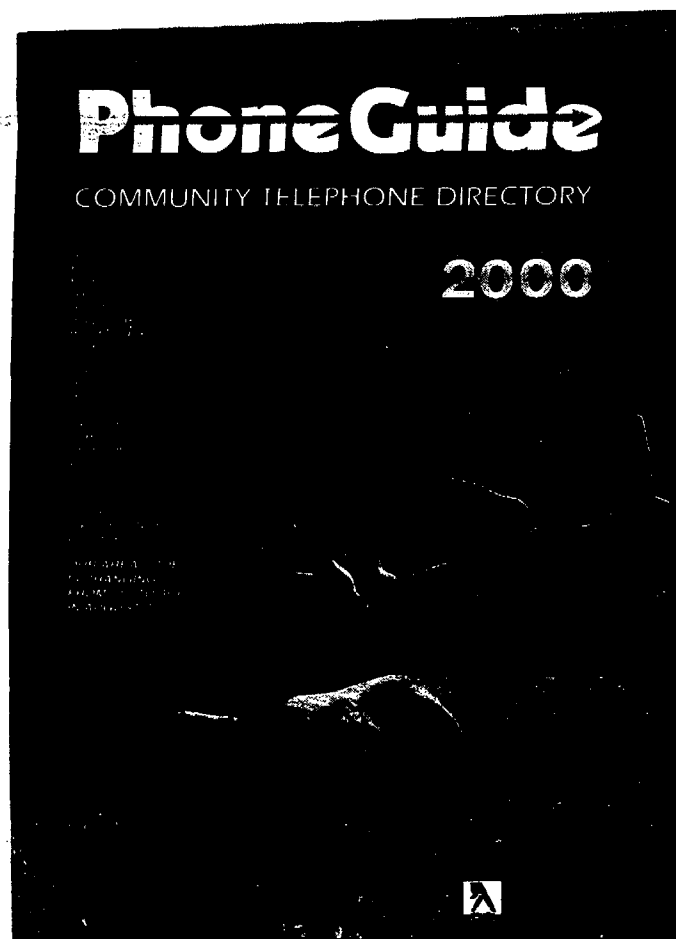


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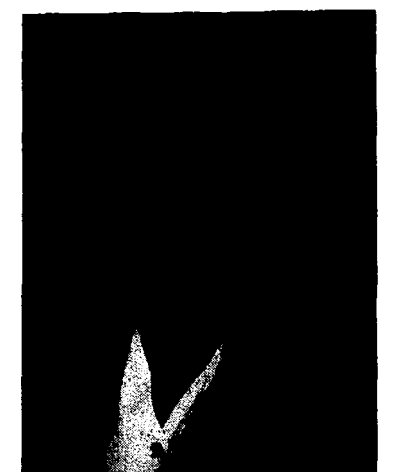
"At Mercy Amicare Hospice, volunteers are not merely a desirable supplement to the professional staff," Haag said, "they are a crucial part of the hospice concept."

"Please take a few minutes during

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For more information about Hospice volunteering, call Sherry Haag at 348-4383 or 1-800-424-1457.

NCACU Branch Manager named



Janet Varney-Small

Janet Varney-Small was promoted to Branch Manager at the Grayling office of North Central Area Credit Union (NCACU), effective March 26.

Prior to her promotion, Varney-Small served as the Members Services Supervisor. She has been with NCACU for four years.

Varney-Small said she has been busy lately helping customers take advantage of current loan specials and mortgage refinancing that has been on the rise lately due to falling interest rates.

About her new position, Varney-Small said, "I am really looking forward to fulfilling all of our customers' financial needs."

A resident of seven years, Varney-Small lives in Grayling with her husband, David, a local electrical contractor. Between the two of them, they are parents to three grown children and grandparents to six.

Lifeguard training scheduled

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All Lifeguard Instructors must attend one of these sessions in order to maintain Instructor status past December 31, 2001. Lifeguarding

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Businesses offered help in seeking state jobs

► July 26 forum scheduled in Grayling area to help local businesses

By Dan Austin
Capital News Service

Cheryl Hughes was just like any other owner of a small family business -- she wanted to be successful.

Now, C & D Hughes Inc. of Charlotte is one of the larger road-building companies in the Lansing area, and much of its success has come from juicy state contract jobs and subcontract work.

While getting involved in doing state work can sometimes be difficult, Hughes said, her business is testimony that it's worth it.

"I went through all the horrendous paperwork 21 years ago, but now my business is very successful," said Hughes, 54. "This type of success comes through hard work and perseverance."

"You just have to learn the rules and regulations and go from there."

The state of Michigan wants more success stories like Hughes' and will offer a series of forums to teach the rules and regulations that come with bidding on state jobs.

The forums, to be held at various sites across the state, aim to teach

Michigan entrepreneurs how to take advantage of governmental business opportunities. Representatives from state and local government agencies will conduct the sessions.

"We present these forums to make vendors aware of the various contracts with the state that are available," said Claudia Allen, one of the program's coordinators. "The opportunities for government jobs are unlimited."

The jobs range from road construction, to electrical wiring to public relations work, Allen said.

The forums target smaller businesses in communities and stay away from the larger companies the state has contracted out to in the past, Allen said.

"There are a lot of businesses that can really benefit from this program," she said. "Our main goal behind this whole thing is to be as inclusive as possible."

The annual series of forums starts April 17 at the Harry Hill Vocational Center, 5815 Wise Road in Lansing, and will continue into August. Locations will be held in 22 cities, from Southfield to Mackinaw City to Grayling to Iron Mountain.

At the forums, now in their fifth year, Michigan companies may register as a vendor with the state and learn how to become a pre-qualified construction contractor or consultant for the Michigan Department of

Transportation.

There are no formal presentations at the open forums, so business representatives can interact one-on-one with state department members. The format also allows entrepreneurs to ask questions unique to their situations and receive immediate answers, Allen said.

Local governments, road commissions, chambers of commerce and school districts also are encouraged to participate.

While Hughes' success story may be inspiring, some Michiganders have found frustration trying to land state jobs.

Rafael Lopez, owner of Lopez Trucking, a small business he runs out of his Lansing home, attended one of the business forums a couple of years ago.

Where he hoped to line up some lucrative government jobs, the state wouldn't offer him any because his business is too small. Lopez only has four trucks in his fleet.

"How can I get them? It's too hard," said Lopez, 42. "They told me I needed 20 trucks and be in the union."

"I don't have the kind of money to invest in buying more and bigger trucks, so I just stick to smaller, non-state jobs."

Lopez said an alternative is to work for bigger trucking companies as a sub-contractor, but those jobs

wouldn't pay as much as if he were able to secure the job himself.

"I'd like to have a job like working for the state, but they ask for way too much," Lopez said.

Charles Ford, MDOT's administrator of the Office of Equal Opportunity, said that's not the role of the forums.

"These forums don't mean you get a job the next day," Ford said. "The benefit of the program is you can see what it takes to be eligible to work for the state."

"This is to learn how they can market themselves."

Locally, a business opportunity forum will be held in Grayling on Thursday, July 26 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (off of M-72 West just east of M-93).

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He is the son of Kimberly A. Cullinan of Taylor, and Raymond R. Pyle of Grayling.

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Reducing toxic releases, waste remains focus of industries

Michigan industries continue to focus on reducing toxic chemical releases and waste, according to Department of Environmental Quality Director Russell Harding.

Michigan's Toxic Chemical Release Inventory (TRI) data for 1999, the most recent reporting year, shows that chemical releases for all industry sectors increased a modest two percent from 1998. Facilities reported total on-site and off-site releases of 143 million pounds in 1999, compared with 140 million pounds in 1998. This includes the new industry sectors that reported for the first time in 1998.

A significant decline is seen in the manufacturing sector, which has reported since TRI began in 1986. Total on-site releases fell by 12 per-

cent from 1998.

"Michigan manufacturers clearly have made a long-term commitment to reduce the releases of these chemicals," Harding said. "A 12 percent decrease in TRI emissions during such a strong production year is an impressive accomplishment."

Total releases in 1999 for the manufacturing sector are 73 million pounds, compared with 83 million in 1998. Compared with 1997, total releases for 1999 decreased by 14 percent, and by 21 percent from

1996.

From 1998 to 1999, the manufacturing sector shows a decrease in air emissions from 42 million pounds to 38 pounds. Releases to underground injection wells dropped 3.5 million pounds to 2.6 million pounds. Transfers off-site for disposal decreased from 35 million pounds in 1998 to 29 million pounds in 1999.

Facilities also report on TRI chemicals that are managed through off-site transfers for recycling, energy recovery, and treatment. Total

off-site transfers for further waste management reported by all industry sectors for 1999 totaled 318 million pounds. This is a 22 percent decrease from 1998, which was 405 million pounds.

More than 925 facilities reported under the 1999 Toxic Release Inventory. Michigan is one of several states maintaining its own comprehensive TRI database. It is available on DEQ's Internet home page at:

www.deq.state.mi.us/ead/sara

Pollution prevention (P2) funding available

Funding is available for the Michigan Regional Pollution Prevention (P2) Grant Program under the Clean Michigan Initiative, according to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Applications are due June 1. The Michigan Regional P2 Grant Program provides funding to help communities improve their local environment by encouraging voluntary efforts to divert pollution from the air, water, and land.

The goal of the Michigan Regional P2 Grant Program is to

apply innovative P2 approaches to reduce the generation of waste and critical pollutants identified in international and national agreements, and in state and local environmental strategies. The program will be targeted at regions of the state with environmentally sensitive natural resources and critical waters, such as Lake Superior and Lake St. Clair.

Examples of potential projects are those that focus on reducing persistent bio-cumulative toxics, specific business sectors such as marinas and salvage yards. This is the second of two funding cycles

for this initiative, with about \$500,000 available under each. Seven applicants were awarded funds in the first cycle.

Applicants must be a local unit of government, or other public or non-profit organization. The grant program requires a 25 percent match in the total project costs.

For more information, contact the DEQ's Environmental Assistance Division at (517) 335-5543 or (800) 662-9278. Information also is available on the DEQ web site at www.deq.state.mi.us/ead/cmi-grant/index.html.

\$4.5 million in grants available for rural business development

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is inviting preapplications for \$4.5 million in

grants to encourage the development of new, member-owned cooperatives. The funding is being provided by the Rural Cooperative Development Grant program of USDA Rural Development.

The grants will be awarded on a competitive basis to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher learning, for use in helping organize new rural business cooperatives. The funds may be used to finance feasibility studies and other "hands-on" technical assistance activities required for successful cooperative development.

The deadline for receipt of preapplications is May 24, 2001. Preapplications should be sent to the USDA Rural Development state office serving the state in which the project will be headquartered.

Further information on the program is available from USDA Rural Development state offices, or from James E. Haskell, Assistant Deputy Administrator for Cooperative Service, Rural Business Cooperative Service, (202) 720-8406. Addresses and phone numbers of state offices are available at: www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html

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OBITUARIES

(For more Obituaries, see Page 14A.)



Clara E. Schmoock

Aug. 30, 1906 - Apr. 16, 2001

Clara E. Schmoock, 94, of Charlotte died at her granddaughter's home in Charlotte on April 16.

Mrs. Schmoock was born August 30, 1906 in Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania to William and Augusta (Federau) Brandt. On June 16, 1928 she married Waldemar C. Schmoock, in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Clara was a homemaker who previously lived in Livonia before moving to Grayling in 1976 where she lived until 1996. She was an avid bridge player and also enjoyed cooking and gardening both flowers and vegetables.

Her husband Waldemar preceded her in death on October 19, 1982; she is also preceded in death by her parents, four sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include: two sons, Norman W. (Shirley) Schmoock of Grayling and Martin "Pete" V. (Dale) Schmoock of Spokane, Washington; 16 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be April 19 at 11 a.m. at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 18.

Reverend Jeffrey Jagers will officiate. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Grayling.

Memorial contributions should be to the Crawford County Library.

Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

Steven A. Bowen, II

Jan. 15, 2001 - April 8, 2001

Steven A. Bowen, II, 2 1/2 months old, son of Amy J. Nagy and Steven A. Bowen of Grayling died April 8 at his home.

Steven was born on January 15 in Grand Rapids.

He is survived by his parents and his siblings, Blake, Cynthia, Xavier and Alexandria.

During his brief life, Steven touched many lives and will be deeply missed by his family and all others who cared for him.

Funeral services were held on April 16 at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, where friends may call one hour prior to the service. The Rev. Paul Pletcher will officiate. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery in Traverse City.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the DeVos Children's Hospital, 100 Michigan Avenue N.E., Grand Rapids, 49503-2560.



Edna M. Canfield

May 4, 1923 - April 11, 2001

Edna May Canfield, 77, of Maple Forest Township died at her home on April 11, 2001.

Mrs. Canfield was born May 4, 1923 in Montrose to Roy and Clara (Swenson) Wilbur. She married Francis Blanchard on September 3, 1939 in Swartz Creek. He preceded her in death in 1945 in WWII while serving in the U.S. Army. Edna then married Harry Canfield on February 11, 1950 in Grayling.

Harry and Edna lived in Maple Forest Township for 46 years, raising their eight children on a family farm where they raised chickens, cows, pigs and work horses. They were known for their fresh produce and Edna's beautiful flower gardens.

Edna was well known for her letter writing, she would write to hundreds of people and you always felt special if you received one of her letters filled with anecdotes or her poetry, and happenings of the daily life on the farm.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Francis; two grandchildren, Todd and Brent; two great grandchildren, Cassie and Dylan; two sisters, Verna Dunning, Avis Keown, and Iva Lawrence; four brothers, Arnie, Harold, Larry and Wes Wilbur and one son-in-law, Harold Willoughby.

Survivors include: six daughters, Diane Willoughby of Grayling, Darlene (Ted) Blanchard of Traverse City, Kae (Larry) Blanchard of Grayling, Noreen Harmer of Grayling, Janet (Larry) Bancroft of Berea, Kentucky and Nancy (Don) Lownsbury of Grayling; two sons, Tim (Laurie) Canfield of Gaylord and Art (Joan) Canfield of Florence, Wisconsin; 19 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren; three sisters, Erma Sharp of Arizona, Donna Murdoch of Montrose and Shirley (Terry) Ridd of Flint and one brother, Dennis Wilbur of Flint.

A funeral was held on April 14 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Reverend Jeffrey Jagers officiated.

Burial will be at Maple Forest Township Cemetery.

The family requests memorials go to Maple Forest Township Cemetery Beautification Fund c/o Kae Blanchard, 6691 Hartwick Pines Road, Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home.



Gretchen E. Southard

Oct. 12, 1923 - April 12, 2001

Following a lengthy illness, Gretchen E. Southard passed on Thursday, April 12 in the comfort of her family at her White Eagle Bend home on the AuSable River in Grayling.

During the 1950-60's, Gretchen assisted her future mother-in-law Edythe Fern Melrose, known as The Lady of Charm, with her popular Detroit television fashion and cooking show on WXYZ-TV. Born in Newton, Iowa on October 12, 1923, Gretchen met The Lady of Charm at a Detroit publicity event in 1941. Her future mother-in-law thought her to be a "charming young lady" and asked Gretchen for her phone number, which Edythe then shared with her son, Harold Southard. The rest is history. Hal and Gretchen were married three months later on Valentine's Day, 1942 and the couple spent a three-month honeymoon camping and fishing along the AuSable River before Hal entered the Army during WWII.

After leaving television in the early 1960's, Gretchen subsequently served as an Administrative Assistant to AAA's magazine *Motor News* (now *Michigan Living*) Editor Len Barnes. She also served as an administrative assistant at *Automotive News*; she retired in 1981. Hal and Gretchen always considered their campsite, and subsequently their cabin, on the AuSable River to be their second home and it became their primary residence in 1983 when they moved north from their home in St. Clair Shores. They purchased Ray's Shoeing & The Fly Factory in Grayling in 1979; the business is operated today by son Stephen and his family.

Gretchen was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Her grandchildren fondly remember helping her tend her beautiful garden and playing dress-up with 'Grandma Gretchen,' as she was known to many of those who loved her. A woman who cared for her grandkids with a unique combination of good humor and love, her amazing presence will be hugely missed. Throughout her life, Gretchen gave her family and friends much laughter, love, happiness and inspiration, gracing all with her big smiles and gentle, healing touch.

Gretchen was preceded in death by her husband and partner in life Harold Southard, her parents Evelyn and John Bates, son Brian Southard, and infant granddaughter Mariah Southard.

Survivors include: two daughters, E. Carol (the late Alex) Fitzgerald Marenko and Nancy Bernie-Visscher; one son, Stephen (Cel) Southard; seven grandchildren, Barb (Mark) Fitzgerald Doyal, Robert (Leslie) Fitzgerald, Lhara (partner Dave Zwickli) Bernie-Visscher, Ryone Bernie-Visscher, Kate Southard, Lucas Southard and Andrea Southard; two great granddaughters, Katie and Emma Doyal and one sister, Louise Elrod.

Friends and family celebrated Gretchen's life April 16 at a memorial service held at Sorenson Funeral Home in Grayling. The family suggests memorials to Grayling Amicare Hospice or to Alzheimer's Disease Research.

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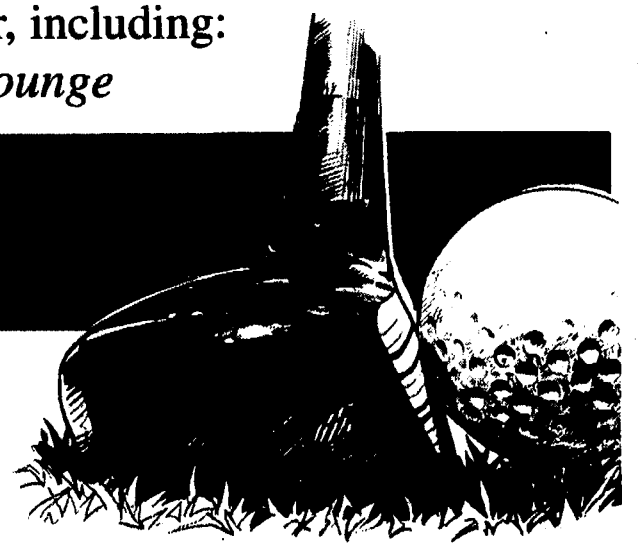
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Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by Parent Improvement Team, Grayling Middle School

• **BAND** - On Saturday, April 21, the band members will be participating in District Solo & Ensemble at Johannesburg. Band members must be at school at 6:15 a.m.

• 8th grade band members will be going to State Band Festival on May 5 at Grand Rapids. This will be the group's first state competition.

• Northwestern Michigan College (NMC) in Traverse City is offering "College for Kids" Summer Enrichment Programs for children ages 4-17. Contact Mrs.

Metiva for more details. NMC also offers an at-home reading and math summer program called GRASP throughout the summer of 2001. Call 231-995-1700 for more information. Register by May 3.

• Money is due for 6th grade camp. Let your teacher know if you are having a problem coming up with the funds.

• The next 6th grade PERK trip will be June 7 at Beaver Creek. The criteria for this trip is: no more than one office referral, no more than three RTCs, cannot be failing any classes, all textbook and library fines must be paid.

• 8th grade PERK trip will be

Thursday, April 26.

• On May 11 the First Annual Parents-Students Middle School Challenge/Picnic will be held. We will be taking the whole middle school out to Hanson Hills for a day of fun, food, and challenges. All parents are encouraged to come. Enough parents are needed to challenge the kids to kickball, softball, soccer, relay, and volleyball games. We will be asking parents to bring dessert and munchies, the school will provide hot dogs and/or hamburgers.

• The GMS track team will compete against Mio and Roscommon on April 24 in Grayling.

HONORS

Kirtland Community College

Connie Ann Smith was inducted into the Alpha Omicron Gamma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Kirtland Community College on March 16.

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Ferris State University

The following local students received Academic Honors for the fall 2000 semester at Ferris State University, which ended in December:

Michael K. Bobenmoyer and Michael S. Dunckel both of Grayling; Casey J. Coker and Dawn L. Sikarskie both of Roscommon.

To be eligible for Academic Honors, students must have accumulated at least a 3.5 grade point average in no fewer than 12 credit hours of coursework at the 100 level or higher during the fall semester (August - December).

Pensacola Christian College

Phillip Lee Niederer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Niederer of Roscommon, was named to the Dean's List by Dr. Matthew A.

Beemer, Vice President for Academic Affairs, at Pensacola Christian College, for academic achievement during the 2000 fall semester.

This was a result of earning a "B" average or higher.

Central Michigan University

Susanne (McLaughlin) Boice was placed on the Dean's List for her excellent grades in the fall semester at Central Michigan University. Sue will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Applied Arts Degree in Interior Design.

DeVry University

Jeffery A. McLaughlin recently graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Systems from DeVry University in Phoenix, Arizona. Jeff and his wife, Michelle, now live in Grand Rapids.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

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April
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Thurs. 19 - Meatloaf/ Oven Pork; 11 a.m. to 12 noon Blood Pressure and sugars taken; 1 p.m. Pinochle Club; Casino trip leaves at 10 a.m. (new time).

Fri. 20 - Sweet & Sour Pork/ no dinner; 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo and 80 cent Rummy.

Mon. 23 - Italian Round Steak/ Breaded Fish; 10:00 Gripes and Gab Club; 12:00 Stag Cards; 1:00 Bridge Club; 5:30 Hangman.

Tue. 24 - Connecticut Ham/ Chicken ala King; 1:00 Euchre Club; 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Wed. 25 - Roast Chicken/ Beef Stew; 10:00 Exercises; 11:00 Line Dancing; 12:30 Stag Cards; Open House and Continental breakfast 7 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. for Grayling Businesses; Fun and Games at 12:30 p.m.; Burger King Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Thought to leave you with: People love others not for who they are, but for how they make us feel.

OBITUARIES

Heaven L. Jameson

Dec. 22, 1999 - Apr. 10, 2001
Heaven Leigh Jameson, 1 1/2, died April 10, 2001.

Heaven was born on December 22, 1999 to Adam and Christine Jameson.

She is survived by her parents and brother, Stephen; grandparents, Dennis and Sheila Hines, Mike and Pati Hettinger and Howard and Stella Jameson; great grandparents, Robert Farmer and Edith Jameson and great-great grandparent, G.G.

Funeral services were held on April 13 at Charles R. Step Funeral Home, in Redford Township.

Final resting place is at Holy Cross Cemetery in Alpena.

Contributions to the family are appreciated.

Alice Campau

Alice Campau, 84, of Grayling died April 11, at the Hospice House of Holland.

A memorial service will take place in the Lovells Community Chapel at a later date.

Thomas S. Grachek

Mar. 24, 1925 - April 14, 2001

Thomas Steve Grachek, 76, of Beaver Creek died at his home on April 14.

A private interment and private family services will take place at Beaver Creek Cemetery.

In memory of...

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Apr. 21, 1995 - Apr. 21, 2001

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The drawing for the two Memorial Bricks will be May 8 at the 3:30 p.m. Crawford County Library Board of Trustees meeting.

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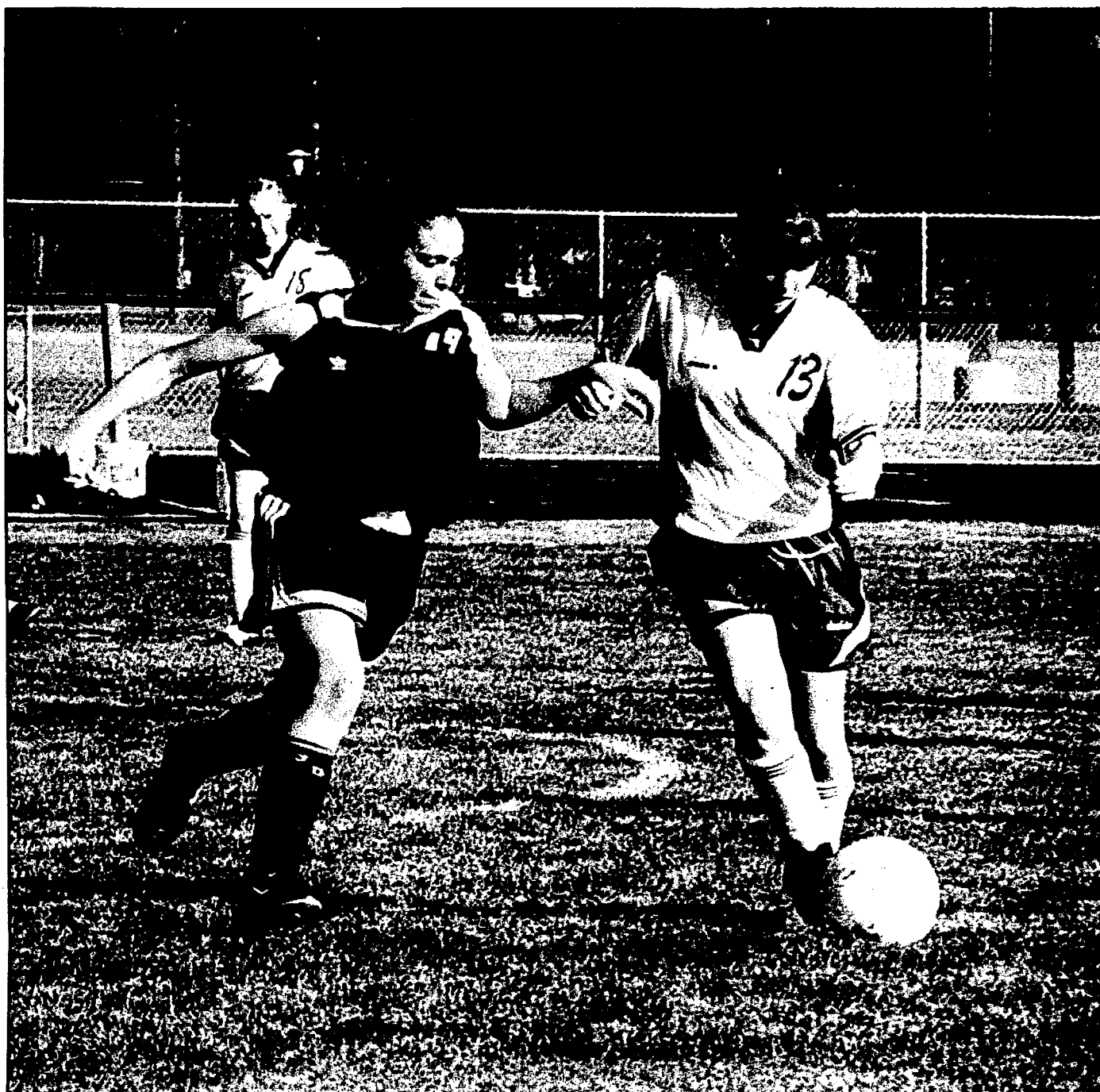
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Short-handed Vikings fall to Bobcats



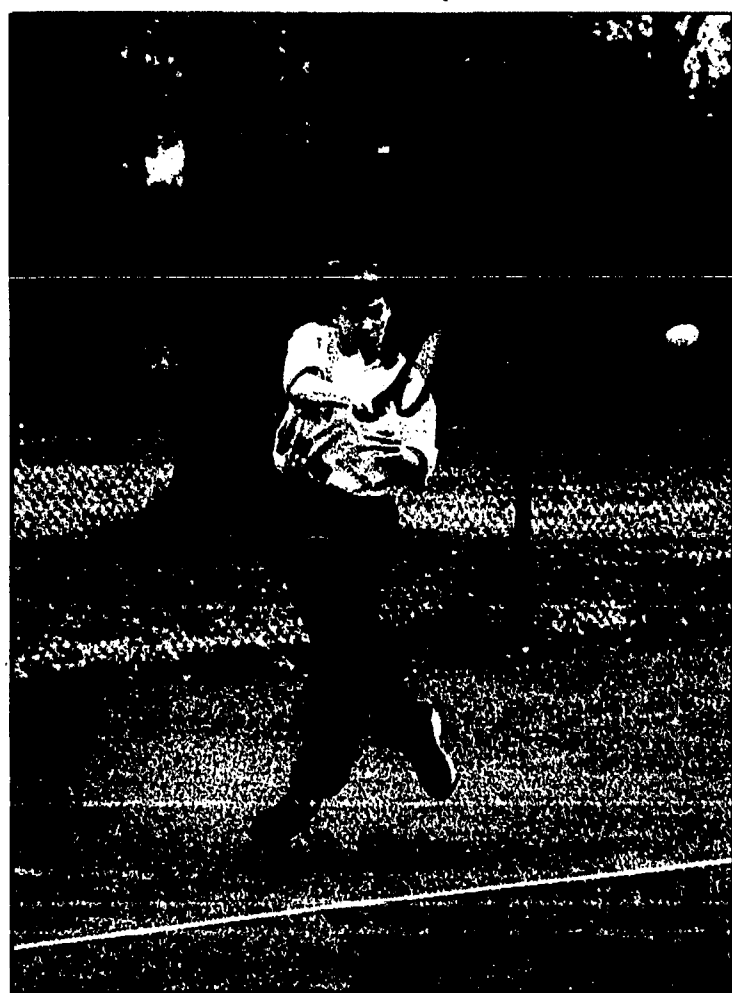
Jessica Holzbauer takes a throw-in for Grayling in the soccer team's season opener last Tuesday against the visiting Bobcats of Bay City John Glenn. The Vikings were only able to field 11 players, leaving an empty bench. The Bobcats won the match 10-0.



Andi Holzbauer fights for possession of the ball in last Tuesday's match against Bay City John Glenn. For more on the soccer team, see Page 6B, "Short-handed Vikings..."

Photos by Caleb Casey

Tennis team competes in home opener



Nick Newkirk, playing at the #3 singles spot for Grayling High School's boys tennis team, returns a ball in a match against Charlevoix. The squad opened its 2001 season last week. For more on the tennis team, see Page 5B, "Tennis team competes..."

Track teams open with Falcons, Spartans



Kate Nickert competes in the high jump competition in the GHS track team's first meet of the season last Tuesday in West Branch. Nickert cleared 4'11" in the event, finishing in first place against Ogemaw Heights. For more on the track team, see Page 4B, "Track teams open..."

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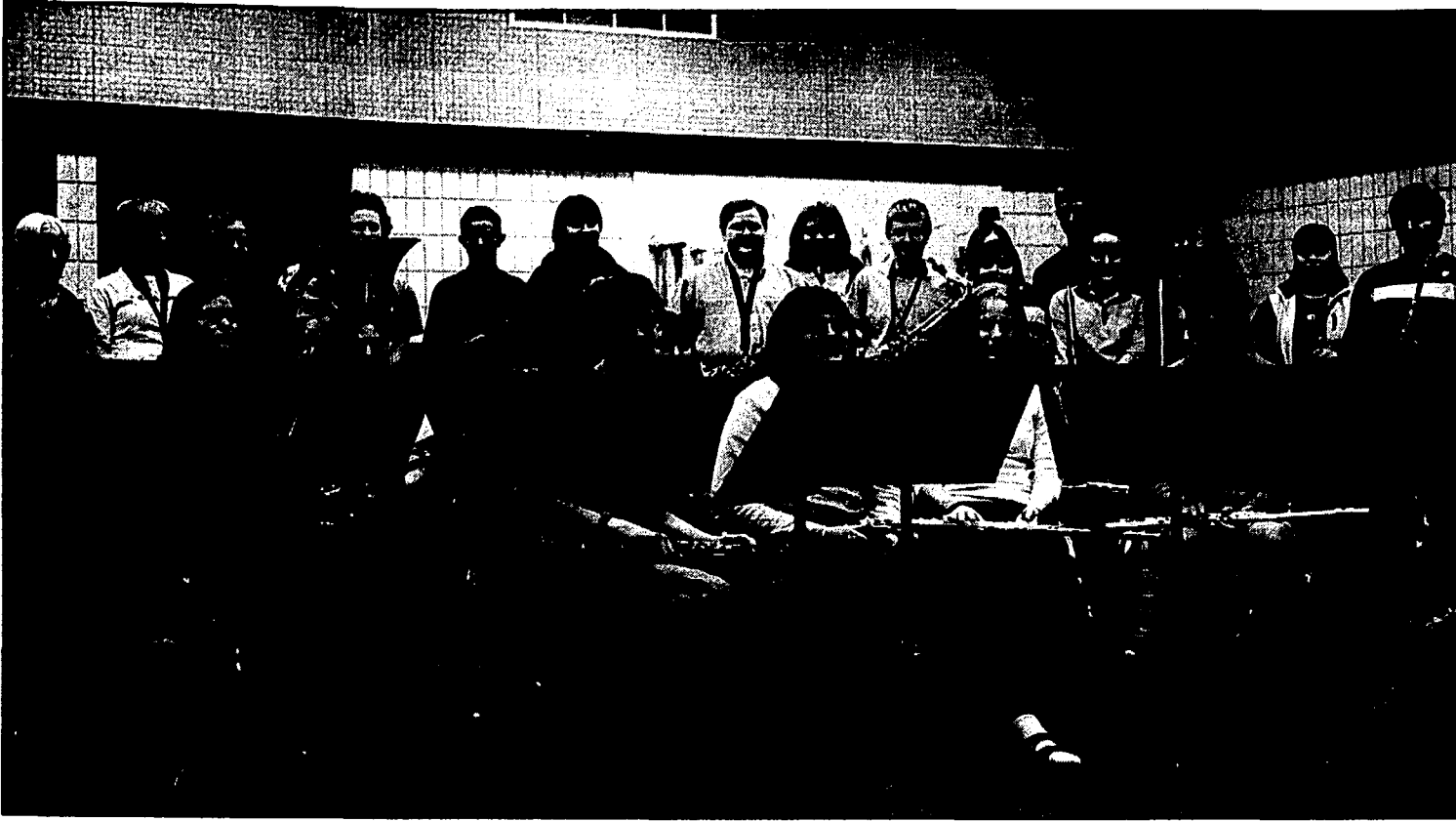
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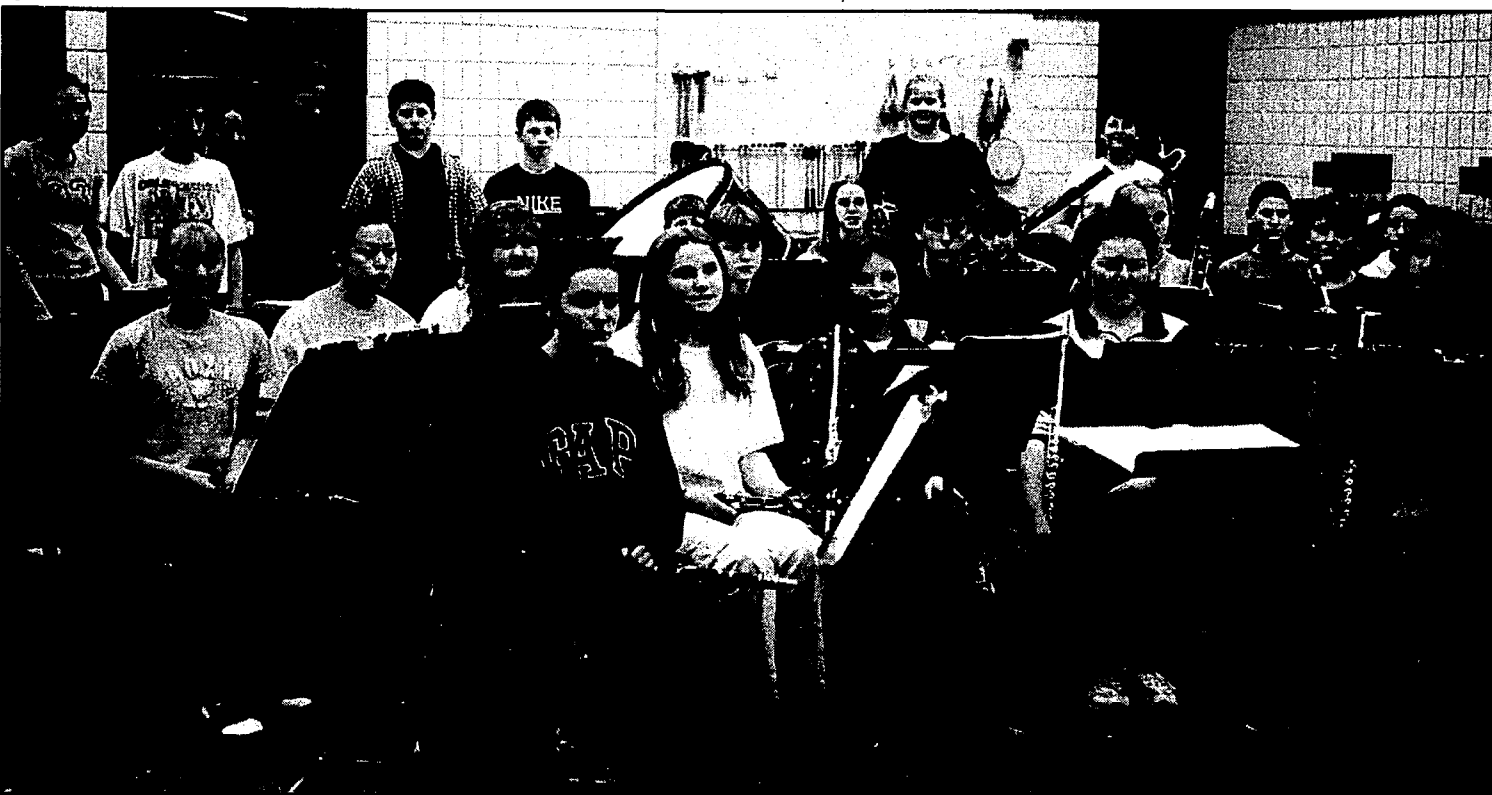
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Grayling Middle School's 8th Grade Band



Grayling Middle School's 7th Grade Band

8th grade band qualifies for State

► Middle school bands perform at Festival, prepare for Solo & Ensemble

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The 7th and 8th grade bands from Grayling Middle School both performed well at Band Festival earlier this month. Grayling Band Director Dennis Ormsbee said, but only one of the bands qualified for State. The other missed qualifying by a very slim margin.

The 8th graders, directed by Grayling's Assistant Band Director David Gott, received straight "I's" from the judges at Festival, qualifying them to perform at State Band Festival in May.

"Both groups performed really well," said Gott. "Both have developed a lot over the years, they've been working hard."

Gott said the band's qualification for state was special for him because the group was the first one he worked with when he came to Grayling four years ago, and he's proud of the group's progress.

State Festival for the 8th graders

will be held on May 5 in Benzonza in a brand new auditorium. The band will play a march, one selection from the required list, and a selection of its choice, in addition to sight reading. Professional judges will rate each performance.

The 7th grade band, directed by Ormsbee, came very close to State qualification. The group received three "II's" and a "I."

"It was so close, if one B+ would have been an A- out of the 20 judges marks, they would have qualified," said Ormsbee. "That's a real credit for them. They did a real respectable job."

Ormsbee noted that not one of the 7th grade bands received an overall "I" rating at Festival. "The adjudicators' standards were very high," he said.

Middle school band members are now preparing for Solo & Ensemble competition, scheduled for April 21. Sixty-two events from Grayling are signed up to perform.

Grayling High School band students have been putting in a lot of community service hours to help the middle schoolers get ready, Ormsbee said.

"It's been working out really well," he said. "They've been really receptive."

The middle school bands are also preparing for their spring concert to be held on May 22 at GMS. The concert is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

The event will include performances by the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands, several chamber groups, and the GMS jazz band.

"It'll be a heck of a concert," said Gott, "Dennis' last one. We'll be happy and sad at the same time. We're happy for him, but we'll certainly miss him being around."

(Ormsbee is retiring from his position at the end of the current school year.)

"We'll put on a good show," said Gott. "That's the best thing we can do for him."

Correction



Michelle Stepp

Michelle Stepp, a senior and member of the Grayling High School Band, was unintentionally excluded from a March 29 *Avalanche* item featuring the GHS band seniors.

The Avalanche apologizes for the error.

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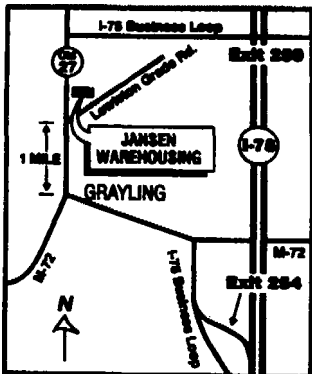


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Track teams open with Falcons, Spartans

► Vikings place well in relays, girls high jump, several other events

Grayling High School's boys and girls track teams opened their 2001 season last Tuesday with a meet at West Branch Ogemaw Heights. Several Grayling athletes placed well at the meet, competing against the Falcons of Ogemaw and the Spartans of Pinconning.

In the boys competition, Grayling's Scott Latusek took first place in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:07.5. The 3200-meter relay team of Bob VanNuck, Mike Salyers, Dan Corwin, and Art Graube took first place with a time of 9:52.8.

The Viking boys also posted three second place finishes: 800-meter relay - Latusek, Aaron Mead, Travis LaMotte, Paul Jansen, with a time of 1:44.3; 400-meter relay - Latusek, Mead, LaMotte, Jansen, with a time of 0:51.2; 800-meter dash - Salyers, with a time of 2:26.6.

"I was pleased with the efforts of our young men," said Coach Scott Cousineau. "The final scores are not indicative of how hard they competed. Our overall lack of depth really hurts us when you talk team score."

The Vikings fell to Pinconning 88-35 and lost to Ogemaw 115-20.

Grayling's girls team posted a first place finish in the 880-meter relay competition against both Pinconning and Ogemaw with a time of 2:38.2.

Against Ogemaw, Jessica Green took first place in the long jump with a leap of 13'1", and Tracy Parkinson finished first in the 330-meter hurdles with a time of 1:00. Kate Nickert took first in the high jump against the Falcons by clearing 4'11".

Against Pinconning, Joni Welch took first in the 1600-meter run, and the 440-meter relay team took first with a time of 0:59.5.

Other top finishers for the Grayling girls included: (vs.



Photos by Linda Golnick

Art Graube takes the baton from Dan Corwin during a relay race.

Ogemaw) Heather Baker, 3rd place, 440-meter dash, time: 1:24.8; Ashley Hawley, 2nd place, 220-meter dash, time: 0:31.5; Hawley, 3rd place, high jump, jump: 4'4"; (vs. Pinconning) Green, 3rd place, long jump, jump: 13'1"; Baker, 2nd place, 100-meter hurdles, time: 0:23.4; Kirkie Meyer, 3rd place,

shot put, throw: 22'9.5"; Green, 2nd place, 100-meter dash, time: 0:13.6; Baker, 3rd place, 440-meter dash, time: 1:24.8; Nickert, 2nd place, high jump, 4'11"; Hawley, 3rd place, high jump, jump: 4'4"; Hawley, 2nd place, 220-meter dash, time: 0:31.5.

"I am very proud of our first out-

ing," said Coach William Meier, "and I am looking forward to a great season."

The home track meet scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, was postponed due to bad weather. On Wednesday, April 25, the GHS track teams will host Gladwin and Standish Sterling Central at 4 p.m.



Paul Jansen competes in the long jump event for Grayling in last Tuesday's meet against West Branch and Pinconning.



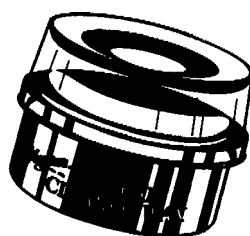
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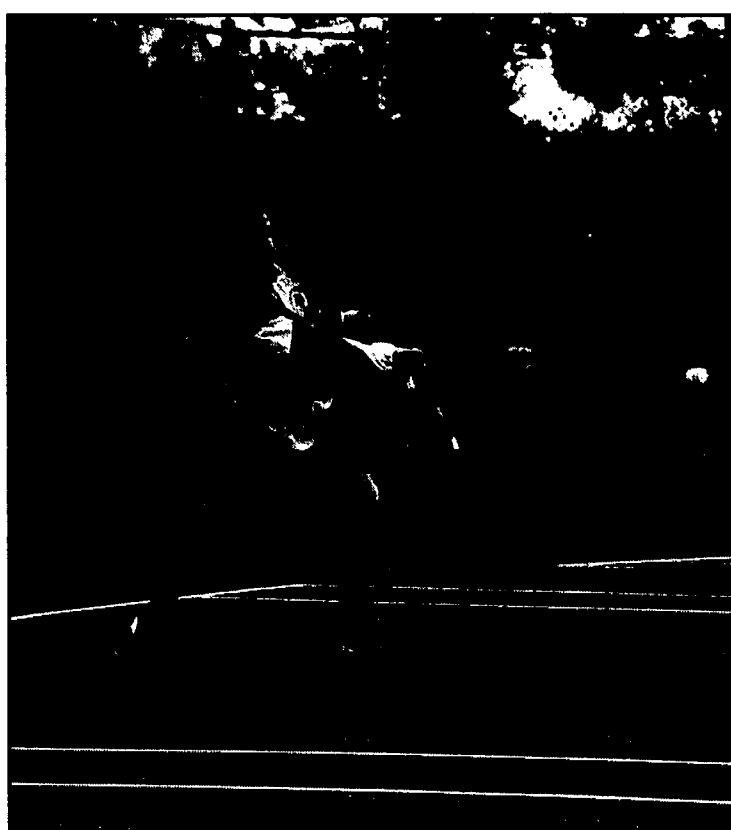
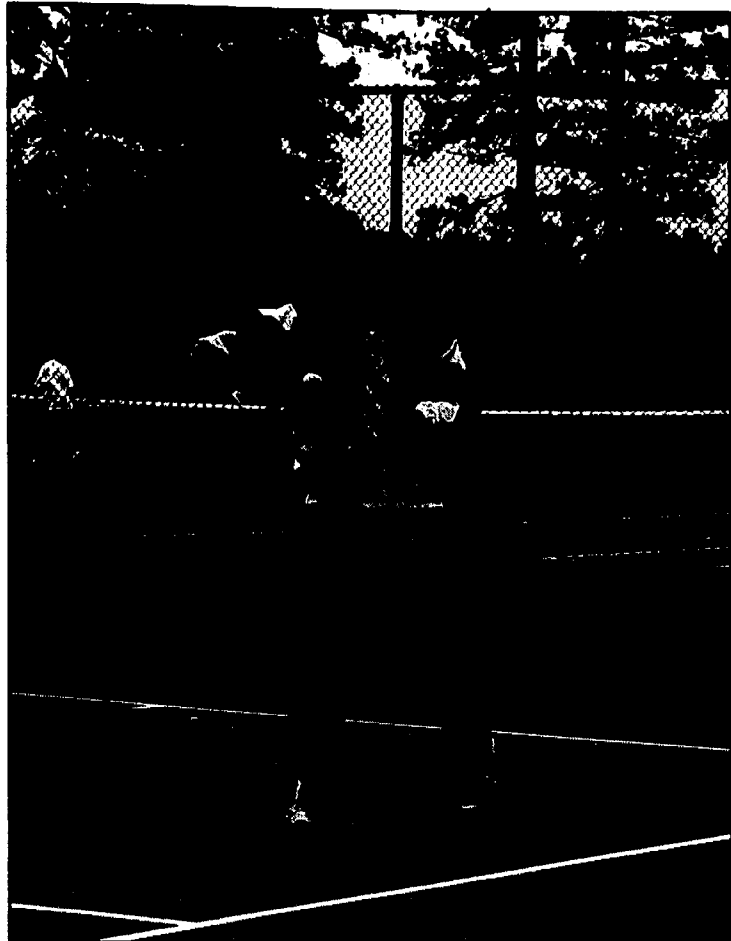
Mike Salyers

Varsity Track & Field
Coach: William Meier (girls)
Coach: Scott Cousineau (boys)
TRACY PARKINSON & MIKE SALYERS

Mike Salyers, a freshman, ran not one but two 800-meters in 2 minutes 26 seconds last Tuesday at West Branch. "The fact that Mike is only a freshman and running that well this early is exciting," his coach said. Tracy Parkinson (no photo available), a sophomore, gave an excellent performance in the hurdles, taking 1st outright in the 330-meter lows.

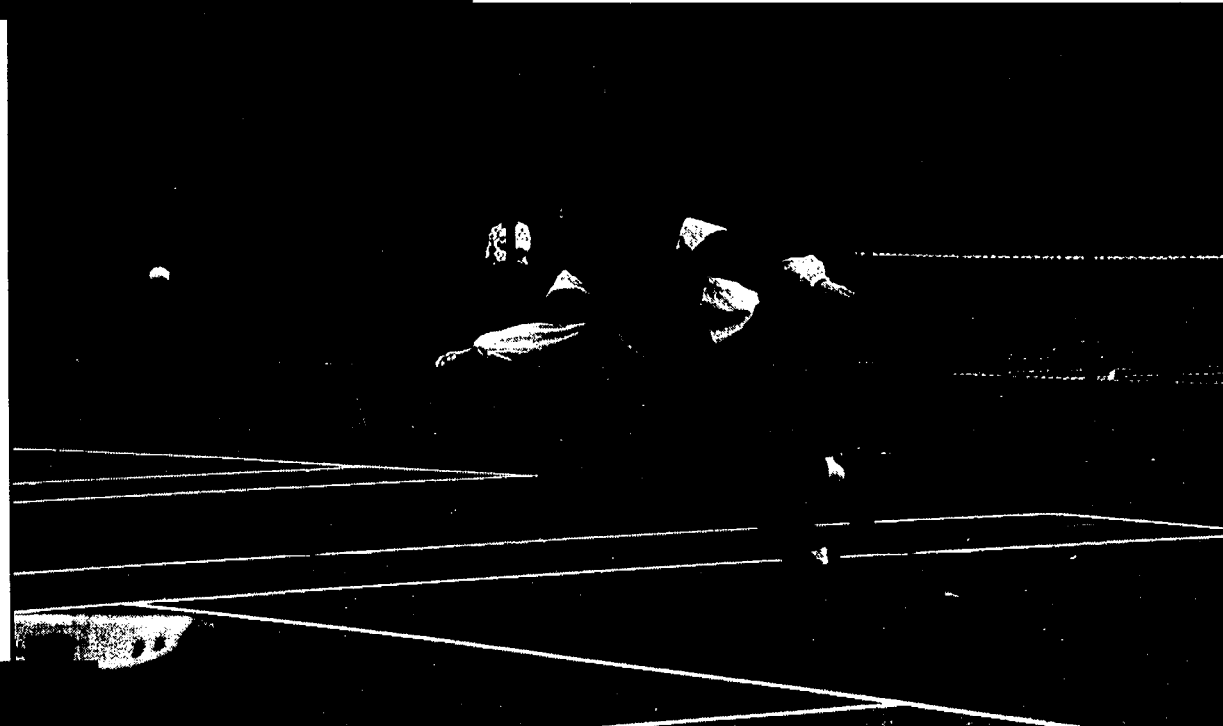
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Tennis team competes in home opener



Kalub Fedak, #2 singles player for Grayling, returns a Charlevoix shot during last Tuesday's home opener.

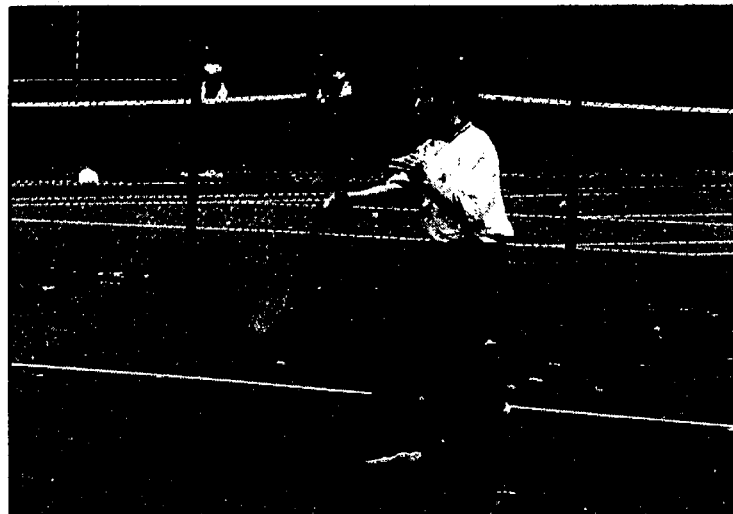
(Above) Doubles player Marcus Marelich returns a ball during last Wednesday's meet in Grayling against the Rayders of Charlevoix. (Right) James Lawrence, Marelich's partner, comes up from the back row to handle a shot. Marelich and Lawrence played at the #1 doubles spot for the Vikings last week.



Justin Fenn hits a serve during a #1 singles match last Wednesday against Charlevoix.

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Nick Newkirk returns a ball during singles play.



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Short-handed Vikings fall to Bobcats

► Grayling loses to Bay City John Glenn in 2001 season opener

The GHS varsity girls soccer team, outnumbered by a solid Bay City John Glenn squad, fell to the visiting Bobcats of Bay City 10-0 in the team's season opener in Grayling last Tuesday.

Several Grayling players were unable to play due to obligations with other school activities, and the team was only able to suit 11 players, enough for a full starting line-up but with no one available for substitutions. The Vikings were forced to play the last 10 minutes of the game short-handed after one player went out with an injury.

The Bobcats applied steady offensive pressure for most of the game, leaving the Vikings on the

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See "SHORT-HANDED..."



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Bitsy Hellebuyck fights for the ball in last week's game against Bay City.



GHS goalie Amanda Boone blocks a penalty kick against the John Glenn Bobcats.



Janelle Gregorich controls the ball for Grayling.



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Short-handed Vikings fall to Bobcats

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defensive. Bay City scored six goals in the first half, and four in the second.

"I was really proud of them for never giving up," Coach Karen Langseth said of her players. "It will be fun to play Bay City again

with subs." The match was only Grayling's second time on an outdoor field this season.

This year's girls soccer squad is made up of four seniors, five juniors, six sophomores, and no freshmen. The team is young, but most of the

players are returners. "The girls look much more confident," said Coach Langseth. The team's match scheduled for last Wednesday (at Standish) was postponed due to bad weather. The Vikings will host Cheboygan on Friday, April 20, at 5 p.m.



Sally Jansen clears the ball for Grayling.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Schroeder and Colleen L. Schroeder, Husband and Wife (original mortgagors), to Citizens Bank & Trust Company, a Michigan Corporation, Mortgagee, dated March 22, 1994, and recorded on March 29, 1994 in Liber 325, on Page 137, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE AND 71/100 dollars (\$51,431.71),

including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 30, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan. Described as: Commencing at the Southwest corner of North West 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, thence South 89 Degrees 59 minutes East 517 feet, thence North 1 degree 33 minutes East, 656 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing North 1 degree 33 minutes East, 281.3 feet to the South - Easterly bank of the AuSable River; thence South 64 degrees 28 minutes West along River, 184.85 feet; thence South 24 degrees 03 minutes West along River, 220.3 feet; thence South 8 degrees 50 minutes East along River, 87.0 feet; thence South 89 degrees 59 minutes East, 133.2 feet; thence North 1 degree 33 minutes East, 149.0 feet; thence south 89 degrees 55 minutes East, 100.0 feet to the point of beginning. (Note: the above description of land is the combination of parcels "A" and "B" of survey Recorded in Liber 134, page 79 and of parcel "A" of survey Recorded in Liber 153 Page 458, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 19, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200115418

-19-26-3-10-17

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry Lynn Welch an unmarried man (original mortgagors), to Sterling Lending Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 29, 1999, and recorded on February 9, 2000 in Liber 501, on Page 144, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by me to me as assignee to Residential Mortgage Services of Texas, Inc., Assignee by an assignment dated February 29, 2000, which was recorded on May 2, 2000, in Liber 507, on Page 92, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 96/100 dollars (\$29,749.96), including interest at 11.750% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the

mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 9, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 2, of Brown and Johnson Addition to the Village of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, Page 21, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 29, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1303
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200017365

-29-5-12-19-26

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David R. Shriver and Teresa L. Shriver, husband and wife (original mortgagors), to Midwest Mortgage, Inc., Mortgagee, dated October 11, 1996, and recorded on October 16, 1996 in Liber 419, on page 427, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by me to me as assignee to BA Mortgage, LLC (a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of

America, N.A.) successor in interest by merger of Nationsbank Mortgage Corporation, as assignee by an assignment dated March 2, 1997, which was recorded on April 23, 1997, in Liber 428, on Page 568, Crawford County Records, and re-recorded on May 27, 1997, in Liber 430, on Page 396, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT AND 89/100 dollars (\$84,498.89), including interest at 8.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on May 2, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 46, Sherwood Forest #2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 04 of Plats, Page 15, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 22, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200024247

-22-29-5-12-1

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
File No. 01-6253-DE
Estate of Dora A. Kimball
Date of Birth: April 16, 1924
To All Creditors:

Notice to Creditors: The decedent, Dora

A. Kimball, who lived at 331 Meadows Drive, Grayling, Michigan died January 31, 2001.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Leonard G. Kimball, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 4/3/01
Bernick Omer & Radner, P.C.
Douglas G. Chialgion P54757
2400 Lake Lansing Road, Suite F
Lansing, MI 48912
(517) 371-5361
Leonard G. Kimball
716 Hillside Drive, P.O. Box 390
Kodiak, AK 99615
(907) 486-8705

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Tracy A. Chouinard a/k/a Tracy A. Renaud, a married woman and Benedict E. Chouinard her husband (original mortgagors), to Delta Funding Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 30, 1999, and recorded on May 28, 1999 in Liber 482, on Page 372, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Bank One National Association, as trustee f/k/a The First National Bank of Chicago, as Trustee in Trust for the registered holders of Delta Funding Home Equity Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 1999-2 c/o Delta

Funding Corporation, as Servicing Agent, Assignee by an assignment dated May 1, 2000, which was recorded on August 8, 2000, in Liber 514, on Page 169, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-ONE AND 91/100 dollars (\$64,841.91), including interest at 12.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on May 2, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Being a part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 11, thence North 89 degrees 55 minutes East along the North Section line of said Section 11, to the center line of Old State Highway U.S. 27 for point of beginning, thence continuing North 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds East 260.74 feet, thence South 07 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds East 178.90 feet, thence South 89 degrees 55 minutes 00 seconds West 260.74 feet to the center line of Old State Highway U.S. 27, thence North 07 degrees 02 minutes 00 seconds West along the center line of said highway 178.90 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 22, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200016010

-22-29-5-12-19

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 26, 2001, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing the following material:

23-A Crushed Gravel

Gravel to be made to current M.D.O.T. specifications. Contractor will be required to furnish clay or any material deemed necessary to accommodate the specifications. Cost of furnishing these materials shall be incidental to gravel production. Material shall be produced and stockpiled at the following location on or before July 1, 2001:

20,000 ton @ Lovells Pit: T28N, R2W, W 1/2, of section 24, Lovells Township.

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "23A Gravel Bid".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to add or delete quantities, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

NOTICE OF TIMBER FOR SALE

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, April 26, 2001, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following sale of timber:

Removal of all trees and brush within a 100' wide x approximately 1,800' in length road right-of-way (North Higgins Lake Drive) located within section 36, Town 25 North, Range 4 West, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Approximately 4.13 acres.

Site map is attached, additional information may be obtained from the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked as "North Higgins Lake Drive Timber Sale".

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

PUBLIC NOTICE CRAWFORD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS FOR ADOPTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON MAY 2, 2001, 7:00 P.M. THE CRAWFORD COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE ADOPTION.

THE COUNTY BUILDING IS LOCATED AT 200 WEST MICHIGAN AVENUE, GRAYLING, MI 49738. A LIST OF THE PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP AT THE BUILDING & ZONING DEPT. COUNTER AS OF THIS NOTICE.

April 4, 2001
PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS PUBLIC HEARING DATE - MAY 2, 2001 OUTLINE FOR PUBLISHING TEXT & GENERAL CIRCULATION

List Of The Proposed Changes Within The Zoning Ordinance

SECTION 2.02 - Definitions

Mobile Home (rev 5/29/01)

A dwelling unit manufactured in one or more sections, designed for year-round, temporary or transient dwelling purposes, capable of being transported upon its own or a separate wheeled chassis, not motorized or self-propelled, built for the purpose of being located in a licensed mobile home park, meets the requirements of the FRA Standards of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to be no older than seven (7) years of age upon year applicant applies for permit, and installed in accordance with this Zoning Ordinance and the Construction Code.

Sawmills/Wood Product Manufacturer (rev 5/29/01)

Means establishments primarily engaged in sawing rough lumber and timber from logs and bolts, including establishments primarily engaged in producing lathe and railroad ties, wood chips, fence lathe.

SECTION 4.05 B. 2 - Mobile Homes as Accessory Deadlines (rev 5/29/01 A. & B.)

A. Mobile homes used for this purpose shall be limited to only one (1) per each forty (40) acres of a farm parcel.
B. Mobile homes shall be no older than seven (7) years of age upon year applicant applies for permit and have a minimum HUD roof/unit seal for the appropriate Michigan Zone or greater as identified by current Michigan State B.O.C.A. code.

SECTION 4.06 - Dimensional Requirements

D. First Floor Area (rev 5/29/01)

The minimum floor area of a one (1) story dwelling shall be 924 square feet, and a two (2) story dwelling shall have a minimum first floor area of 700 square feet with a minimum total of 924 square feet for both stories.

SECTION 5.05 - Permitted Accessory Uses with Conditions

B. Mobile Homes as Accessory Buildings (rev 10/29/97 d.) (rev 5/29/01 d.e.)

d. Permitted accessory uses with conditions shall comply with Section 20.06(H) e. Must comply with Section 4.05(B)(2)(b)

C. Mobile Homes as Accessory Buildings (rev 10/29/97) (rev 5/29/01)

Must comply with Section(s) 4.05(B)(2)(b), 5.05(B)(d), and 20.06(H).

SECTION 5.06 - Dimensional Requirements

D. First Floor Area (rev 5/29/01)

The minimum floor area of a one (1) story dwelling shall be 924 square feet, and a two (2) story dwelling shall have a minimum first floor area of 700 square feet with a minimum total of 924 square feet for both stories.

SECTION 5.08 - A/S

Agricultural/Sawmill District (rev 5/29/01)

A. Purpose - In Crawford County, sawmills or wood product manufacturers have operated in the past and may have been created or expanded contrary to past county zoning. It is the purpose of this zoning district to give those operations an opportunity to continue in a limited way, if they apply and qualify, as a special use by meeting all of the requirements of Article XVII and the requirements of Section 5.08(C)(2).

B. Permitted Principal Uses - All of the permitted principal uses for the agricultural residential district are hereby incorporated by reference.

C. Permitted Principal Special Uses With Conditions - The following special uses of land, buildings and structures are permitted, subject to the provisions of Article XVII, "special uses":

1. All of the permitted principal special uses with conditions listed in Section 5.03.

2. Sawmill/Wood Product Manufacturer

A. The minimum lot size shall be ten (10) acres.

B. The sawmill/wood product manufacturer shall have been operating substan-

tially and continuously from a date prior to the date of this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

C. All waste materials must be disposed of on a monthly or more frequent basis, and there shall be no piles of wood waste allowed to accumulate.

D. No open burning of materials or waste associated with the sawmill/wood product manufacturer shall take place on site or off site in any A/S or AR zoning district.

E. No more than one single-family dwelling shall be on site. The allowed single family dwelling must be occupied by an owner or operator of the sawmill/wood product manufacturer.

F. The time of operation of all equipment and deliveries shall be limited to the following days and hours:

Monday through Saturday - 6:30 a.m. until 8 p.m. No operation is allowed on Sundays, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

G. There shall be no storage or operations which are visible from neighboring private properties or public roads. To accomplish this the site shall be landscaped, bermed, or otherwise developed to screen from view all storage, equipment, and all outdoor activities of the sawmill/wood product manufacturer.

H. All buildings associated with the sawmill/wood product manufacturer shall be enclosed with walls, doors or windows and shall be sited to have the main door or doors, other than "man" doors, facing away from side lot lines and public roads.

I. The sawmill/wood product manufacturer shall be operated to prevent any noise disturbance to surrounding properties.

J. There shall be no more than 4 buildings of 2000 square foot total maximum square footage associated with the sawmill/wood product manufacturer.

K. An applicant must first meet with the township board of the township where the property is located and have them review and comment.

L. Inability to show probable compliance with any of these requirements is grounds for denial of the special use application or the site plan. Inability to show actual compliance is grounds for a suspension or revocation of the special use permit.

D. Permitted Accessory Uses - All permitted accessory uses listed in Section 5.04 are permitted in this district.

E. Permitted Accessory Uses With Conditions - All permitted accessory uses with conditions listed in Section 5.05 are permitted with those same conditions in this district.

F. Dimensional Requirements

1. Lot Area: A permitted parcel shall have a minimum of 10 acres in area, except as otherwise provided in this ordinance.

2. Lot Width: A minimum of 330 feet at the building required set back line is required.

3. Lot Coverage: Maximum of 20%.

4. First Floor Area: The minimum floor area of a one (1) story dwelling shall be 924 square feet, and a two (2) story dwelling shall have a minimum first floor area of 700 square feet with a minimum total of 924 square feet for both stories. The minimum first-floor area of any building associated with the sawmill/wood product manufacturer shall be 924 square feet.

5. Yard and Setback Requirements:

A. Front Yard: minimum of 50 feet from the road right-of-way line.

B. Side Yard: minimum of 50 feet for each side yard.

C. Rear Yard: minimum of 50 feet.

6. Height Limitations: Maximum of thirty-five (35) feet for all dwellings and a maximum of twenty-five (25) feet for all buildings accessory to dwellings; maximum of forty-five (45) feet for all agricultural buildings, except for grain elevators, silos, and windmills, which shall not exceed 120 feet in height; and a maximum of twenty-five (25) feet for all sawmills/wood product manufacturer buildings, and such exceptions as provided in Section 20.17.

G. Site Development Requirements

Developments in this district shall meet the requirements specified in Section 4.07.

SECTION 6.05 - Dimensional Requirements

D. First Floor Area (rev 5/29/01)

The minimum floor area of a one (1) story dwelling shall be 924 square feet, and a two (2) story dwelling shall have a minimum first floor area of 700 square feet with a minimum total of 924 square feet for both stories.

SECTION 7.06 - Dimensional Requirements

E. First Floor Area (rev 5/29/01)

The minimum floor area of a one (1) story dwelling shall be 924 square feet, and a two (2) story dwelling shall have a minimum first floor area of 700 square feet with a minimum total of 924 square feet for both stories.

SECTION 8.06 - Dimensional Requirements

E. First Floor Area (rev 5/29/01)

The minimum floor area of a one (1) story dwelling shall be 924 square feet, and a two (2) story dwelling shall have a minimum first floor area of 700 square feet with a minimum total of 924 square feet for both stories.

SECTION 9.06 - Dimensional Requirements

D. First Floor Area (rev 5/29/01)

The minimum floor area of a one (1) story dwelling shall be 924 square feet, and a two (2) story dwelling shall have a minimum first floor area of 700 square feet

with a minimum total of 924 square feet for both stories.

SECTION 17.09 - Mobile Home Parks (rev 5/29/01 Q.)

Q. For Mobile Home Zoning, refer to Section 4.05(B)(2)(B).

SECTION 17.10 - Mobile Homes Located Outside of a Mobile Home Park, Including Trailers, Motor Homes and Recreation Vehicles (rev 5/29/01 E.)

F. For Mobile Home Zoning, refer to Section 4.05(B)(2)(B).

SECTION 19.07 - Change To Another Lesser Nonconforming Use

B. Mobile Homes (rev 5/29/01) The replacement of a legal nonconforming mobile home with another legal nonconforming mobile home, utilizing Section 19.07 and must meet special conditions required in this section.

Special conditions required in this section pertaining to mobile homes:

1. Replacement of a legal nonconforming mobile home to a mobile home with a minimum of 924 sq. ft. (14'x70')

2. A maximum age of a replacement mobile home is seven years of age upon year applicant applies for permit.

3. Application must be made by the homeowner residing at the location in question.

4. In no case shall this process be utilized to establish or perpetuate rental housing.

5. When a previously used mobile home is proposed utilizing this Section (19.07), the mobile home must secure all required permits and shall be inspected to verify compliance with all applicable codes.

H. Accessory buildings shall be for the

storage of vehicles, materials, animals and other things incidental to the principal use of the property, and shall not be composed of items intended for other activities, such as truck bodies, semi trailers, school bus bodies, mobile homes, or other items built and intended for other uses like the aforementioned residence in areas so designated in the ordinance.

Thus, mobile homes are considered residences, which are principal uses on lots in residential zoning districts.

Mobile homes are clearly intended as residences and are thereby a principal structure in a zoning district under the ordinance. Their design and function as well as name implies they are to be used for habitation. Thus mobile homes are the principal structure and can not be considered as an accessory building.

I. All accessory buildings must comply with Section 3.12.

SECTION 20.42 - Dwelling Unit Cross-section and Floor Area Requirements (rev 10/29/97) (rev 5/29/01)

In all RD-R, RR, LDR and MDR Districts adjacent to lakes, rivers and streams, all dwelling units shall have at least one (1) cross section of at least twenty-four (24) feet and at least one (1) portion of the ground floor area shall have an area at least twenty-four (24) feet by twenty-four (24) feet. In all RD-R, RR, LDR and MDR Districts not adjacent to lakes, rivers, and streams all dwelling units shall have at least one (1) cross section of at least twenty (20) feet and at least one (1) portion of the ground floor shall have an area at least twenty (20) feet by twenty-four (24) feet. In the RD-E, RD-M and RD-F Districts, Mobile Homes must have a HUD roof / unit seal for the appropriate Michigan zone, or greater, as identified by current Michigan State B.O.C.A. code and a minimum of 924 square feet will be permitted.

SECTION 20.48 - Ratio Of Floor Areas Of Accessory Structures To The Principal Structures (rev 5/29/01)

Each accessory structure located on a residential lot or parcel, including accessory pole barns, shall in total floor area, not exceed the square footage of the floor area of the principal residential structure, or conform to all the requirements within Section 20.06 C.

SECTION 20.50 - Minimum Floor Area Exceptions for Accessory Structures (rev 5/29/01)

Applicant for accessory buildings must obtain permit prior to starting construction. Exception, work exempt from permit by the current adopted enabling authority, the State of Michigan B.O.C.A. code.

SECTION 20.51 - Guest House Accessory Living Quarters (rev 5/29/01)

An accessory building used solely as a temporary dwelling of guests of the occupants of the premises: such dwelling having no kitchen facilities and not rented or otherwise used as a separate dwelling unit, may be permitted under Special Uses, Article XVII with additional conditions.

A. River frontage property buildings require 200 feet of river frontage per one (1) cabin.

B. Non river-front property identified by the zoning district map will require (2) times the minimum area referenced by the Zoning Ordinance.

C. Guest house accessory living quarters shall, in total floor area, not be less than 480 square feet, nor exceed eighty (80) percent of the gross floor area of the principal residential structure.

SECTION 20.52 - Camping On Unimproved Properties (rev 5/29/01)

Camping is permitted in AR, RD, RR, LDR, MDR, HDR and MFR districts on properties which are considered suitable for building in the respective districts.

The camper must be occupied while on site, for a maximum of forty-five (45) days per term, with a thirty (30) day off-site requirement for additional camping time. The camper must comply with

Michigan Vehicle Codes for use on public highways and be equipped with self-contained sanitary facilities, or have an improved lot with sanitation facilities approved by the health department.

SECTION 20.53 - Telecommunications Facilities (rev 5/29/01)

1. Purpose:

The general purpose of this article is to regulate the placement, construction and modification of transmission towers and telecommunications facilities in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public; while at the same time not unreasonably interfering with the development of the competitive wireless telecommunications marketplace in Crawford County, Michigan.

Specifically, the purposes of this article are:

A. To regulate the location of transmission towers and telecommunications facilities in the county;

B. To protect residential areas and land uses from potential adverse impact of transmission towers and telecommunications facilities;

C. To minimize adverse visual impacts of transmission towers and telecommunications facilities through careful design, siting, landscaping and innovative camouflage techniques;

D. To promote and encourage shared use/co-location of transmission towers and antenna support structures as the primary option rather than construction of additional single-use transmission towers.

E. To avoid potential damage to property caused by transmission towers and telecommunications facilities by ensuring such structures are soundly and carefully designed, constructed, modified, maintained and removed when no longer used or determined to be structurally unsound; and

F. To ensure that transmission towers and telecommunications facilities are compatible with surrounding land uses.

Nothing in this article shall apply to amateur radio antennas, or facilities, used exclusively for the transmission of television or radio signals.

2. Definitions:

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

A. Ancillary facilities - means the buildings, cabinets, vaults, closures and equipment required for operation of telecommunication systems including but not limited to repeaters, equipment housing and ventilation and other mechanical equipment.

B. Antennas - means an electrical conductor or group of electrical conductors that transmit or receive radio waves, excluding amateur radio antennas.

C. Antenna support structure - means any building or other structure other than a transmission tower which can be used for location of telecommunications facilities.

D. Applicant - means any person that applies for a transmission tower development permit.

E. Application - means the process by which the owner of a parcel of land within the county submits a request to develop, construct, build, modify, or erect a transmission tower upon such parcel of land. Application includes all written documentation, verbal statements and representations, in whatever form or forum, made by an applicant to the county concerning such a request.

F. Attachment - means an antenna or other piece of related equipment affixed to a transmission tower, building, light or utility pole or water tower.

G. County-owned facilities - means any structures, buildings or land owned by Crawford County or its assigns.

H. Co-location - means placement of an antenna on an existing transmission tower, building, light or utility pole or water tower where the antenna and all supports are located on the existing structure.

I. Engineer - means any engineer licensed by the State of Michigan.

J. Owner - means any person with fee title; a land contract purchaser's interest, a long-term (exceeding 10 years) leasehold to any parcel of land within the county who desires to develop, construct, build, modify, or erect a transmission tower upon such parcel of land.

K. Person - is any natural person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or other legal entity, private or public, whether for profit or not for profit.

L. Provider - means a person in the business of designing and using telecommunication facilities including cellular radiotelephones personal communications services, enhanced/specialized mobile radios, and commercial paging services.

M. Stealth - means any transmission tower or telecommunications facility which is designed to enhance compatibility with adjacent land uses, including, but not limited to, architecturally screened roof-mounted antennas, antennas integrated into architectural elements, and transmission towers designed to look other than like a transmission tower such as light poles, power poles and trees. The term "stealth" does not necessarily exclude the use of uncamouflaged lattice, guyed or monopole transmission tower designs.

N. Telecommunications facilities - means any cables, wires, lines, wave guides, antennas and any other equipment or facilities associated with the transmission or reception of communica-

tions which a person seeks to locate or has installed upon or near a transmission tower or antenna support structure. However, the term telecommunications facilities shall not include any satellite earth station antenna one meter or less in diameter, regardless of zoning category.

O. Transmission tower - means the monopole or lattice framework designed to support transmitting and receiving antennas. For the purposes of this section, amateur radio transmission facilities and facilities used exclusively for the transmission of television and radio signals are not "transmission towers."

Transmission towers include:

1. Guyed tower - a tower which is supported by the use of cables (guy wires) which are permanently anchored;

2. Lattice tower - a tower characterized by an open framework of lateral cross members which stabilize the tower; and

3. Monopole - a single upright pole, engineered to be self supporting and not require lateral cross supports or guys.

3. Siting Restrictions:

A. No telecommunication facility or transmission tower, as defined in this article, may be constructed, modified to increase its height, installed or otherwise located within the county except as provided in this article. Depending on the type and location of the telecommunication facility, the telecommunication facility shall be either a permitted use, subject to building review procedures, or a special use.

B. Permitted Uses: No special use permit is required for a telecommunication facility or transmission tower which, pursuant to Sections 20.53.4 through 20.53.6 of this article, is a permitted use. Such telecommunication facilities shall require a building / zoning permit or permits and shall be processed in accordance with established administrative policies.

C. Special Use Permit: A telecommunication facility or transmission tower, which pursuant to Sections 20.53.4 through 20.53.6 of this article, requires a special use permit, shall be processed in accordance with the special use permit procedures of Article XVII of this ordinance and in accordance with established administrative policies. The criteria contained in Article XVII of this ordinance and Sections 20.53.8 and 20.53.9 of this article shall govern approval or denial of the special use permit application. In the event of a conflict in criteria, the criteria contained in Sections 20.53.8 and 20.53.9 of this article shall govern. No building permit shall be issued prior to completion of this special use permit process, including any appeals.

4. Co-Location Of Additional Antennas On Existing Transmission Towers:

A. Permitted Use: Co-location of an additional antenna on an existing transmission tower shall be considered a permitted use in property zoned HC or I, or if the transmission tower is in any other zoning district, and the county specifically approved, as part of a special use permit process authorizing the original transmission tower to which the co-location of additional antennas is being considered.

B. Special Use: Co-location of an additional antenna on an existing transmission tower shall require a special use permit in property zoned RR, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, OSC, NSC, CSC, or HSC and approval for co-location was not granted through a prior special use permit process.

5. Co-Location Of Antennas On Existing Buildings, Light Poles, Utility Poles And Water Towers:

A. In addition to co-location on an existing transmission tower, an antenna may be co-located on existing buildings, light poles, utility poles and water towers.

B. Permitted Use: Such co-location on a building, light pole, utility pole, or water tower, shall be considered a permitted use provided that the antennas and ancillary facilities comply with all applicable building codes, the color of the antennas blends in with the existing structure and surroundings, the antennas do not exceed the height limitation of the zoning district, and the property is zoned HC or I.

C. Special Use: Such co-location on a building, light pole, utility pole, or water tower shall require a special use permit if property is zoned RR, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, OSC, NSC, CSC, or HSC. Said antenna(s) shall not exceed the building height allowed in the zone, or 18 feet above the structure, whichever is less. Said antenna(s) shall project no more than two (2) feet away from the existing structure, and the color of the antenna(s) shall blend in with the existing structure and surroundings.

6. Construction Of New Transmission Towers:

Construction of a transmission tower or a modification of an existing transmission tower to increase its height shall be allowed as follows:

A. Permitted Uses: Such construction or modification shall be considered a permitted use in zones HC and I.

B. Special Use: Such construction or modification shall require a special use permit in zones HC and I, but only in the following locations:

1. Religious institutions, but only when designed as a steeple, bell tower or similar accessory structure compatible with the primary use on the property.

2. Parks.

3. Government, public utility or public school sites.

4. Such construction or modification shall also require a special permit in zones RR, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, OSC, NSC, LSC and HSC.

C. No new transmission tower shall be

built, constructed or erected in the county unless the transmission tower is capable of supporting another firm's operating telecommunications facilities comparable in height, size and surface area to the telecommunications facilities installed on the applicant's transmission tower within six (6) months of the completion of the transmission tower construction pursuant to Section 20.53.8(C).

7. Application Requirements:

A. Co-Location Of Antennas: In addition to standard building permit application material, an applicant for the co-location of antennas on existing transmission towers or on existing buildings, light poles, utility poles or water towers shall submit the following information. Additional application material is required, as specified in Section 20.53.7(C) below, for applications requiring a special use permit.

1. A description of the proposed antenna's location, design and height.

2. Documentation from an engineer demonstrating compliance with non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation (NIER) emissions standards as set forth by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) particularly with respect to any habitable areas within the structure on which the antennas are co-located, or in structures within five hundred (500) feet of the tower property.

3. Documentation from an engineer that placement of the antenna is designed to allow future co-location of additional antennas if technologically possible.

4. Documentation from an engineer that the ancillary facilities will not produce sound levels in excess of those standards specified in Section 20.53.8(F) of this article, or designs showing how the sound is to be effectively muffled and reduced pursuant to those standards.

5. Plans showing the connection to utilities, right-of-way cuts required, ownership of utilities and easements required.

6. Documents demonstrating that necessary easements have been obtained.

7. Access to site must conform with Section 4.07.

8. Transmitting site shall conform with Section 4.03(A)(5).

9. Documents demonstrating that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has reviewed and approved the proposal. Alternatively, when a special use permit process is required, submit a statement documenting that notice of the proposal has been submitted to the FAA. The special use permit process may proceed and approval may be granted for the proposal as submitted, subject to FAA approval. If FAA approval requires any changes involving increased height or additional lighting other than as initially approved, then that initial special use permit approval shall be void. A new application will need to be submitted, reviewed and approved through an additional special use permit process. No building permit application shall be submitted without documents demonstrating FAA review and approval.

10. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all owners of the other transmission towers or usable antenna support structures within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed transmission tower site.

11. An affidavit attesting to the fact that the applicant made diligent, but unsuccessful efforts for permission to co-locate the applicant's antennas on state, city, village, township, or county-owned facilities or usable antenna support structures located within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed transmission tower site.

12. An affidavit attesting to the fact that the applicant made diligent, but unsuccessful efforts to co-locate the applicant's antennas or transmission towers or usable antenna support structures owned by other persons located within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed transmission tower site.

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other users, provided all safety, structural and technological requirements are met. This agreement shall also state that any future owners or operators will allow co-location on the transmission tower.

5. Documentation from an engineer that the ancillary facilities will not produce sound levels in excess of those standards specified in Section 20.53.8 of this article, or designs showing how the sound is to be effectively muffled and reduced pursuant to those standards.

6. Plans showing the connection to utilities, right-of-way cuts required, ownership of utilities and easements required.

7. Documents demonstrating that necessary easements have been obtained.

8. Site plan shall show access and turn around conforming with Section 4.07.

9. Documents demonstrating that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has reviewed and approved the proposal. Alternatively, when a special use permit process is required, submit a statement documenting that notice of the proposal has been submitted to the FAA. The special use permit process may proceed and approval may be granted for the proposal as submitted, subject to FAA approval. If FAA approval requires any changes involving increased height or additional lighting other than as initially approved, then that initial special use permit approval shall be void. A new application will need to be submitted, reviewed and approved through an additional special use permit process. No building permit application shall be submitted without documents demonstrating FAA review and approval.

10. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of all owners of other transmission towers or usable antenna support structures within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed new transmission tower site, including public-owned property.

11. A notarized affidavit attesting to the fact that the applicant made diligent, but unsuccessful efforts for permission to install or co-locate the applicant's telecommunications facilities on public-owned facilities or usable antenna support structures located within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed transmission tower site.

12. A notarized affidavit attesting to the fact that the applicant made diligent, but unsuccessful efforts to install or co-locate the applicant's telecommunications facilities on transmission towers or usable antenna support structures owned by other persons located within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed transmission tower site.

13. Written, technical evidence from an engineer (including propagation studies) that the proposed transmission tower or telecommunications facilities cannot be installed or co-located on another person's transmission tower or usable antenna support structure located within a one-half (1/2) mile radius of the proposed transmission tower site because of the coverage requirements of the applicant's communications system.

14. Each application to allow construction of a transmission tower shall include a written statement from an engineer that the construction and placement of the transmission tower will not interfere with public safety communications and the usual and customary transmission or reception of radio television, or other communications service enjoyed by adjacent residential and non-residential properties.

C. **Special Use Permit Applications:** In addition to the application requirements specified in Sections 20.53.7(A) and 20.53.7(B) above, and Article XVII, applications for special use permits also shall include the following information:

1. Documentation (including propagation studies) from an engineer that alternative sites within a radius of at least one-half (1/2) mile have been considered and have been determined to be technologically not feasible or unavailable.

2. A current overall system plan for the county, showing facilities presently constructed or approved and future expansion plans.

3. A statement providing the reasons for the location, design and height of the proposed transmission tower or antennas.

Standards For Transmission Towers And Antennas:

Installation, construction or modification of all transmission towers and antennas shall comply with the following standards, unless a waiver is obtained pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.53.10 of this article.

A. **Separation Between Transmission Towers:** No transmission tower may be constructed within one-half (1/2) mile of any existing transmission tower. Tower separations shall be measured by following a straight line from the portion of the base of the proposed transmission tower which is closest to the base of any pre-existing transmission tower. For purposes of this paragraph, an existing tower shall include any transmission towers existing at the time of adoption of this ordinance, or transmission towers for which the county has issued a building permit, or for which an application has been filed and not denied. Transmission towers constructed or approved prior to May 1, 2000 may be modified to accommodate additional providers consistent with provisions for co-locations in this section.

B. **Height Limitation:** Transmission tower heights shall be governed by this section except as provided below.

1. If located within zone HC or I, the maximum height of a transmission tower, including antennas, is two hundred fifty (250) feet, unless a waiver is granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.53.10 of this article.

2. If located within zone HSC, or CSC, the maximum height of a transmission tower, including antennas, is two hundred fifty (250) feet, unless a waiver is granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.53.10 of this article.

3. If located within zone RR, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, CSC, NSC, the maximum height of a transmission tower, including antennas, is two hundred fifty (250) feet, unless a waiver is granted pursuant to Section 20.53.10 of this article.

4. Transmission towers shall comply with the Crawford County Airport Zoning Ordinance.

C. **Co-Location:** New transmission towers shall be designed to accommodate co-location of additional providers:

1. New transmission towers of a height of two hundred fifty (250) feet or more shall be designed to accommodate co-location of a minimum of four (4) additional providers either outright or through future modification to the transmission tower.

2. New transmission towers of a height of at least one hundred fifty (150) feet and no more than two hundred fifty (250) feet shall be designed to accommodate co-location of a minimum of two (2) additional providers either outright or through future modification to the transmission tower.

D. **Setback:** The following setbacks from property lines and street right-of-way lines shall be required unless a waiver is granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 24.10:

1. In all zoning districts, the transmission tower shall be set back from property lines of the parcel on which they are located, a minimum number of feet that is equal to the height of the transmission tower.

2. If the transmission tower is located on a parcel in any non-residential zone which abuts residentially zoned property, the transmission tower shall be set back from the adjacent residentially zoned property line a minimum number of feet that is equal to the height of the transmission tower.

3. In all zones, transmission towers shall be set back from the edge of adjacent public street rights-of-way a minimum number of feet that is equal to the height of the transmission tower.

E. **Buffering:** In all zoning districts, existing vegetation shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible. In all zoning districts, landscaping may be placed

completely around the transmission tower and ancillary facilities located at ground level except as required to access the facility.

F. **Noise Reduction:** In zone RR, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, OSC, NSC, CSC and HSC, and in all other zoning districts when the adjacent property is zoned residentially or occupied by a dwelling, medical facility, school, library or nursing home, noise generating equipment shall be sound-buffered by means of baffling, barriers, or other suitable means to reduce sound level measured at the property line to 45 decibels. In all other locations, noise shall be regulated by applicable county ordinances.

G. **Lighting:** Transmission towers shall not be artificially lighted except as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). In cases where there are residential uses located within a distance which is three hundred percent (300%) of the height of the transmission tower from the transmission tower, and when required by federal law, dual mode lighting shall be requested from the FAA.

H. **Color:** The transmission tower and attached antennas shall be unpainted galvanized steel or painted neutral colors or such shades as are appropriate and compatible with the surrounding environment, as approved by the Zoning Board.

I. **Display:** No signs, striping, graphics or other attention getting devices are permitted on the transmission tower or ancillary facilities except for warning and safety signage with a surface area of no more than three (3) square feet. Such signage shall be affixed to a fence or ancillary facility and the number of signs is limited to no more than two (2).

J. **Fences:** An open air fence, eight (8) feet in height, shall be constructed around the base of the tower and/or guy wires, unless specifically waived by the Zoning Board.

9. **Waiver:** A. Any waiver to the requirements of this article shall be granted only pursuant to the following provisions. The criteria for granting a waiver shall be limited to this article, and shall not include criteria beyond Article XXIV.

B. The Zoning Board may grant a waiver from the provisions of Section 20.53.8 of this article providing the applicant demonstrates that:

1. It is technologically impossible (including propagation studies) to locate the proposed transmission tower on available sites more than one-half (1/2) mile from a pre-existing transmission tower and still provide the approximate coverage the transmission tower is intended to provide;

2. The pre-existing transmission tower that is within one-half (1/2) miles of the proposed transmission tower cannot be modified to accommodate another provider; and

3. There are no available buildings, light or utility poles or water towers on which antennas may be located and still provide the approximate coverage the transmission tower is intended to provide.

C. The Zoning Board may grant a waiver to the setback and grounding requirements of sections 20.53.8 (D) or 20.53.9 upon finding that stealth design, proposed landscaping, configuration of the site, or the presence of mature trees obviates the need for compliance.

D. The Zoning Board may grant a waiver to the two hundred fifty (250) foot height limitation in zones HC and I, the two hundred fifty (250) foot height limitation in zones HSC and CSC, or to the two hundred fifty (250) foot height limitation in zones RR, LDR, MDR, HDR, MFR, OSC and NSC, if the applicant shows, through written documentation provided by an engineer, that the proposed height is the minimum height needed to meet service needs and to accommodate future co-locations per Section 20.53.8 (C).

E. If the proposed transmission tower or ancillary facility requires a special use permit, a request for waiver shall be considered as part of the special use permit process. If the proposed transmission tower or ancillary facility is a permitted

use, the request for a waiver shall be decided by the Zoning Board and shall be based on the criteria in this section.

10. Removal Of Facilities:

A. All transmission towers, antennas, transmission tower substructures and ancillary facilities shall be removed within six (6) months of the time that the facilities have ceased being used to transmit, receive or relay voice and data signals to or from wireless communication devices. The responsibility to remove shall be born by the owner and operator of the tower, antenna, substructure or facility and by the real property owner upon which the tower, antenna, substructure or facility is located. The site must be restored to the extent possible with appropriate landscaping to its pretransmission transmission tower appearance. The Zoning Board may grant one (1), six (6) month extension where a written request has been filed within the initial six (6) month period to reuse the transmission tower or antennas.

B. The Zoning Board may require the posting of an open-ended evergreen bond before building permit issuance to ensure removal of the transmission tower, substructure or antennas after the facility no longer is being used.

11. Fees:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, the Zoning Board may require, as part of application fees for building or special use permits for telecommunication facilities, an amount sufficient to recover all of the county's costs in retaining consultants to verify statements made in conjunction with the permit application, to the extent that verification requires telecommunication expertise. This amount shall be set by county board resolution.

12. Repealer:

All former ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

13. Severability:

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be deemed separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

SECTION 21.04 - Lakes, Ponds, Streams, Water Courses And Drainageways (rev. 5/29/01 B.)

B. In all zoning districts the edge, bank, or shore of any lake, pond, river or stream shall not be altered, changed, transformed or otherwise varied from its present condition, except in conformance with the provisions set forth in the most recent adopted versions of (1) Public Act 291 of 1965, "The Inland Lakes And Streams Act", and/or (2) part 91, Soil Erosion And Sedimentation Control, of the Natural Resources And Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, and the rules promulgated under authority of these acts.

SECTION 26.02 - Membership and Terms of office (rev. 5/29/01)

The Zoning Board of Appeals shall consist of five (5) members. One member of the Board of Appeals shall be a member of the County Planning and Zoning Commission, to be appointed by the County Board of Commissioners, for the terms of his office; the remainder of the members shall be selected and appointed by the County Board from among the electors residing in the unincorporated area of the County for a term of three (3) years, provided that no elected officer of the County, nor any employee of the County Board of Commissioners may serve simultaneously as the elector member or as an employee of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be elected from among any of its members each year at the first regular meeting held at the beginning of each calendar year.

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE is accepting proposals from licensed contractors to remove the existing handicap rail and install ADA railings in the Academic and VoTech buildings. An open house to view the project will be held on April 26, 2001 at 8:00 a.m. Prospective bidders should meet at the physical plant office in the Art/Maintenance Building on Kirtland's campus. Proposals will be received until Tuesday, May 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the physical plant office located in the Arts/Maintenance Building on Kirtland's campus (proposals shall be opened and publicly read at 3:45 p.m.). Proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet. Bid documents may be obtained in the physical plant office in the Art/Maintenance Building or by calling 989-275-5000, Ext. 263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of thirty days after the official bid opening. Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Physical Plant at 989-275-5000, Ext. 263.

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE is accepting proposals from licensed contractors to install a storage tank platform at the sprinkler system water tanks located in the Arts/Maintenance building. An open house to view the project will be held on April 26, 2001 at 8:00 a.m. Prospective bidders should meet at the physical plant office in the Art/Maintenance Building on Kirtland's campus. Proposals will be received until Tuesday, May 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the physical plant office located in the Arts/Maintenance Building on Kirtland's campus at which time they shall be opened and publicly read. Proposals must be submitted on the official bid sheet. Bid documents may be obtained in the physical plant office in the Art/Maintenance Building or by calling 989-275-5000, Ext. 263 during regular business hours. The college reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and/or re-bid the project. Proposals must remain firm for a period of thirty days after the official bid opening. Any questions regarding this project should be directed to JoAnn Comerford, Director of Physical Plant at 989-275-5000, Ext. 263.

CRAWFORD COUNTY GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY PROJECT

NOTICE

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR PORTIONS OF PHASE I OF THE GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY PROJECT

Phase I of the Project will be constructed over a two year period using many separate contracts for the diverse types of work to be accomplished.

The work includes:

Earthwork and grading
Demolition
New concrete work
Concrete surface restoration
Blacktop paving
Supplying trees and shrubs
Planting trees and shrubs
Sand removal dredging in the river
Special signage
Fencing
A new restroom facility building
Waste treatment system

Contractors are requested to submit a letter indicating which portions of the work they are qualified to perform.

Submittals should be sent, in duplicate, by May 15, 2001 to:

Patrick Merrill
Crawford County Courthouse
200 W. Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738

Patrick Merrill, Chairman
Grayling Fish Hatchery Project Committee

CRAWFORD COUNTY GRAYLING FISH HATCHERY PROJECT

NOTICE

BID FOR DETAIL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A REPLACEMENT NATURAL STREAM

The work is a portion of Phase I of the Grayling Fish Hatchery Project. It consists of both the design and construction of approximately 400 linear feet of stream channel averaging 10 feet in width. Work will include all natural materials (boulders, gravel, logs, water plants, trees, shrubs and riparian vegetation) to create trout habitat and a demonstration wild trout stream.

Bidders must be pre-qualified for this specialty work and show extensive successful past experience in small stream restoration.

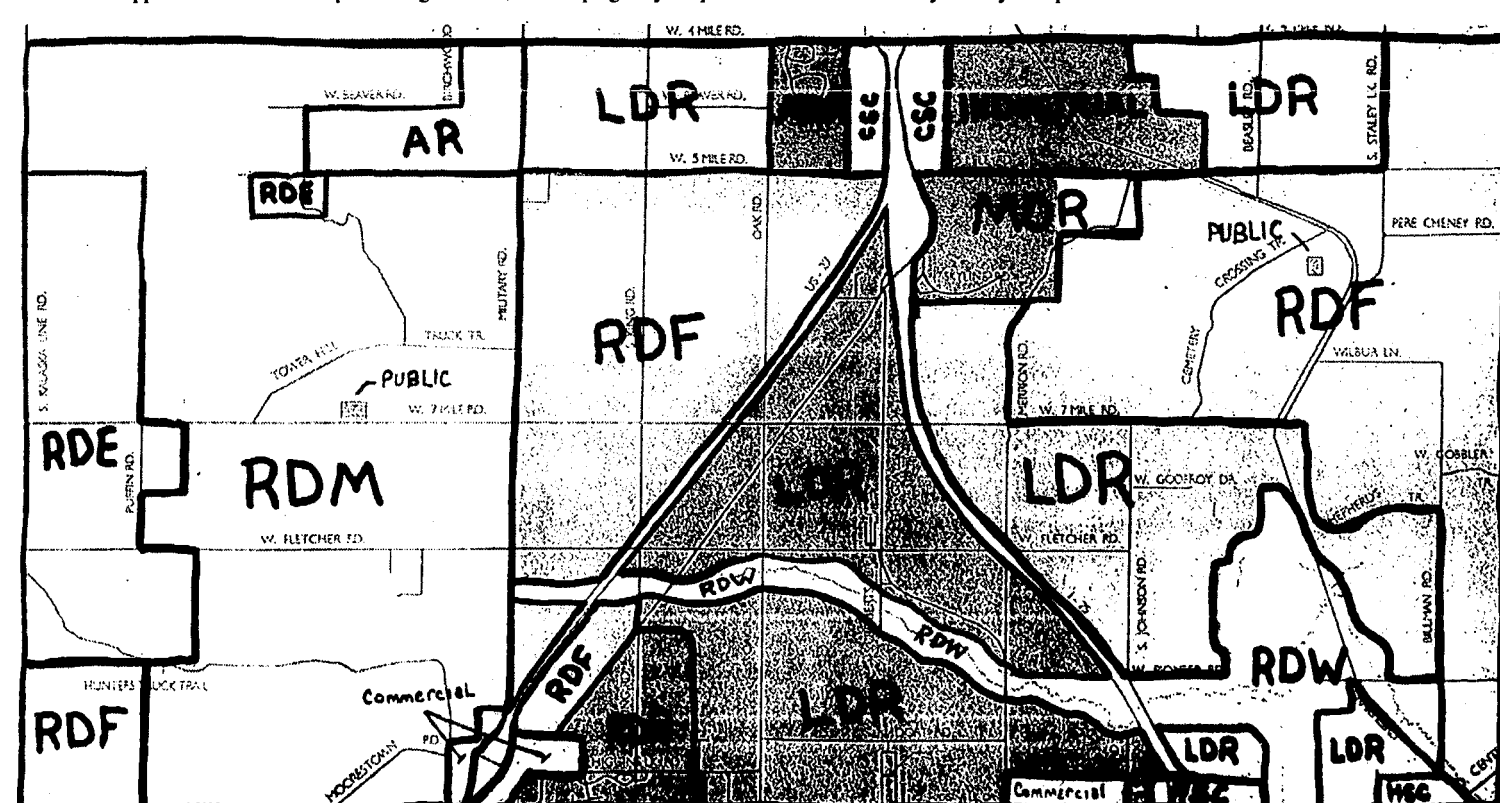
Potential bidders' expression of interest must be received on or before April 27, 2001.

A concept drawing and specification for the work will be made available to pre-qualified bidders on April 30, 2001 and bids will be due on May 15, 2001 at 2:00 PM.

Inquiries, qualification submittals and bids should be sent to:

Patrick Merrill
Crawford County Courthouse
200 W. Michigan Avenue
Grayling, MI 49738

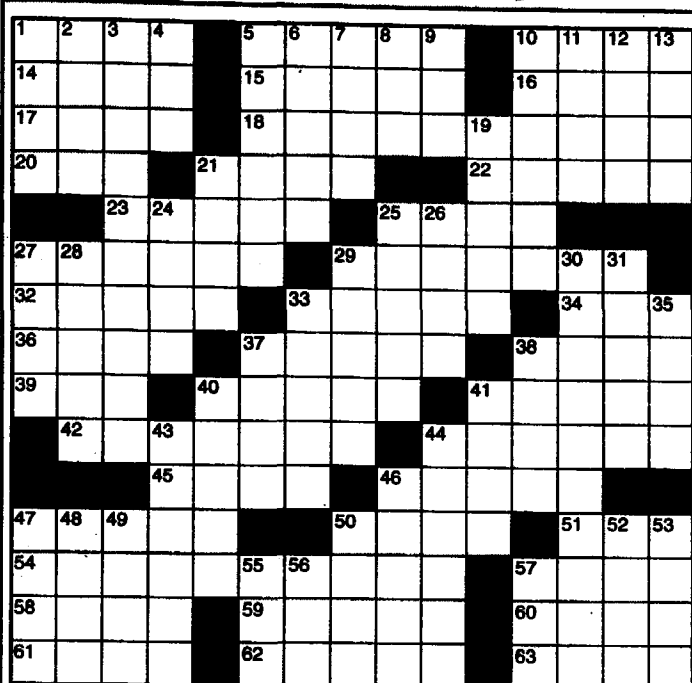
Patrick Merrill, Chairman
Grayling Fish Hatchery Project Committee



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1. ___ out (withdraws)
5. Between Humphrey and Ford
10. Actor Betz
14. Incan land
15. Voting roster
16. Turkish regiment
17. PDQ
18. Rate
20. First name in Wolfmen
21. Infinitesimal
22. Over
23. Curdles
25. Asian cuisine
27. Periphery
29. Fight like a pirate
32. Bridge positions
33. Tips (over)
34. Labor gp.
36. "Do ___ others..."
37. One of the James brothers
38. Where some work out (abbr.)
39. Two: prefix
40. Regular paths
41. Solemn
42. Allot fairly
44. Dancer Ben
45. Wordplays
46. Measure of length
47. Strong point
50. Obi, for one
51. Traffic tie-up

DOWN

54. Affections
57. First Dog, once
58. Michael Jordan, to court fans
59. Free from bondage
60. Decorates, as a cake
61. Like grass in the mist
62. Tripod for Tanguy
63. ___ out (gets by)
1. Harlequin gem
2. Juárez coin
3. Electronic device
4. Have a late repast
5. Strive
6. Dales
7. Not any, down home
8. And so forth (abbr.)
9. Teony
10. Feline favorite
11. "When I was ___" (2 wds.)
12. Have a tantrum
13. Twisted the truth
19. Some tides
21. Nibbles
24. Wise
25. Part of a plait
26. Goffer Irwin
27. Emulate the Capulets and Montagues
28. ___ the white flag (surrendered) (2 wds.)

29. Sign, on the Seine
30. Spotted owl's alleged nemesis
31. Carson, e.g.
33. Contemporary of Shelley
35. Alert
37. Arp or Anouilh
38. Days gone by
40. ___ Force (Lancaster film)
41. Brother of Abel
43. Unabashedly
44. Boat
46. Ike's wife
47. During
48. "Smooth Operator" singer
49. Winter precipitation
50. Concordes, e.g.
52. Downwind
53. Where to read a missal
55. Part of a French address
56. One ___ million (2 wds.)
57. Annoyed cry

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A Look At Our Past FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago April 20, 1978

Norm Theaker came away a double winner at Detroit's Cobo Hall April 8 and 9. He turned in a very fine score to get his first gold North American medallion in archery.

A daughter, Nicole Amia, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Woolford of Grayling on April 11.

Mr. and Mrs. James Legg of Roscommon also had a daughter on April 15 named Jessica Ann.

In Crawford County, according to data compiled by the Marketing Economics Institute here, there are now some 470 households over the \$25,000 annual income level. Of the total, 410 have incomes of \$25,000 - \$50,000 and another 60 have incomes above \$50,000.

Black and White Foodland has on sale, 3lb. bags of Texas Onions for 79 cents, Idaho Baking potatoes 10lb. for \$1.19 and two half gallons of 2% milk for \$1.39.

46 Years Ago April 21, 1955

1,761 people paid their admission fees for the second annual Woman's Club Trade Show at the new Grayling High School. The attendance was more than double that of last year.

Gene Brown announces the opening of his business, the Ausable River Inn, on April 23. Located on the main stream of the AuSable at Stephan's Bridge. Food service from noon to midnight,

"serving your favorite beverage", and dancing every Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Kenyon of Grayling announce the arrival of Delores Ann on April 18.

Black and White Grocery advertises 6 cans of Hush Pups dog food for 49 cents, 10lbs. of cooking onions for 29 cents, 1 lb. cans of corn, peas and kidney beans for 10 cents and heads of cabbage 11b. for .09 cents.

69 Years Ago April 21, 1932

The Board of Supervisors in session this week made some drastic proposals in salary cuts for county officers. And the office of Register of Deeds will be combined with that of Co. Clerk if their plans carry through. The present salary for County Clerk is \$1500 per year and that of Register of Deeds \$600 per year. The treasurer's salary of \$1500 is to be cut to \$1100 and that of Sheriff from \$1100 to \$750. The school commissioner's salary will be cut from \$600 per year to \$350, the Probate Judge from \$600 to \$450 per year and the Prosecuting Attorney from \$1100 to \$1000.

Baseball season was officially opened at the Beaver Creek Township schools last Monday when the Hardwood Standard School and Love's School played a double header on that day. In the first game the Love's School walloped their archenemies to the tune of 37-9, and the worm turned in the final game and Mrs. Smith's team came from behind to defeat the previous victors 22-21.

Frankenbush Cheese	NEW LOW PRICE	LB.
Lansing Style Cheese		45c
Swiss Cheese		40c
Cheddar Cheese		25c
Bananas	CHOICE FRUIT, GOLDEN RIPS	2 LB. 25c
Peaches	FLORIDA 37c	STALK 15c
Navel Oranges	CALIFORNIA	5 LB. 50c
Corn	TEXAS	2 CANS 15c
Hot Dogs	SUPER BRIGHT, BEEF	LB. 60c
Lean Bologna	ALL MEAT, SLICED	5 OZ. 25c
Pork Chops	ALL CENTER CUTS	LB. 60c

In 1955, A&P Food Stores of Grayling had these items on sale. It's amazing how much prices have changed in only 46 years.

Miss Effie Hunter, a Grayling High School graduate of the class of 1930 is being employed at the State Capitol during this special session of the legislature. Miss Hunter won a scholarship in commercial work while a student in The Grayling School and later pursued the same studies at Lansing Business University. She writes that she is very happy with her new work and acknowledges that had it not been for Rep. William Green of our district, it would have been impossible for her to have secured her position as assistant secretary to the Journal clerk.

92 Years Ago April 22, 1909

P.L. Brown and his gang are pushing the work on the big sewer without regard to the weather. Street Commissioner Nelson has begun work in earnest covering the needed places on

Cedar and Ogema streets with cinders, for a foundation for the gravel that will follow.

A washout on the railroad this side of Bay City Monday night delayed Tuesday's trains from the south for several hours.

Last Saturday was the first real spring day of the year. Clear and bright and the mercury registered at 63 degrees.

Adker Jorgenson has purchased a Reo auto and will join the Buggy friends. We expect there will be new cars on the street by next Wednesday. The inhabitants of Grayling are requested to tie up their dogs, chickens and children so as to avoid accidents.

The long swamp road on the section line running north from the east end of the village was reported unsafe from the high waters last week, and signs were put up by Highway commissioner Peck, advising the comers from the east to take the townline road a mile north.



Fiesta Crab Nachos

- 2 tbsp butter
2 garlic cloves, peeled and sliced
1/2 small onion, sliced
Salt and pepper, to taste
1 cup dry white wine (optional)
1 cup bottled clam juice
1 cup heavy or whipping cream
2 canned chipotle chiles, rinsed off
1 cup grated Romano cheese
1 cup grated Monterey Jack
10 oz crab meat
8 oz tortilla chips
1/2 bunch cilantro leaves, chopped, for garnish

Preheat oven to 350°. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté the garlic and onions with the salt and pepper, until golden, about 5 minutes. Pour in the wine (optional) and boil until the liquid is reduced by half, 2 to 3 minutes. Pour in the clam juice and boil until the liquid is again reduced by half, another 2 to 3 minutes. Add the cream and cook over high heat until thick enough to coat a spoon. Stir in chipotle chiles and remove from heat.

Transfer mixture to a food processor or blender and puree. Stir mixture back into the large skillet. Stir in 1/2 cup of the Romano cheese and 1/2 cup of the Monterey Jack cheese. Return the skillet to medium heat. Stir in the crabmeat, bring just to a boil and remove from heat. Stir in the tortilla chips. Transfer to a large casserole, sprinkle with the remaining cheeses and bake for 5 minutes or until cheeses melt. Sprinkle with the cilantro (optional).

HOROSCOPES

For the week of April 23 thru April 29

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):

Take extra care of your heart this week, you'll be far more likely to leap without looking. Many Aries feel secure when it comes to their skills and talents in the work force; however, this isn't always the case on a personal level. Throwing yourself into work and the pursuit of your ambitions is part of what makes you tick. If you are finding that you are consistently being drawn into complicated relationships, you may want to work on yourself a bit more. You might experience some heartbreak this week on Friday. If this happens, take care, and also see this as proof that you need to work on these issues.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):

There won't be anything you can't do this week if you put your mind to it. When it comes to professional tasks and chores, you will find you can reach even greater heights than ever before. On the personal end of things, though, it might see you in a challenging position if someone special to you needs to make an emotional connection. You might find it best to write a love letter or a poem this week, rather than verbally communicating, as you might find the written word more effective.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21):

If you have any thinking to do on a personal level about the relationship in your life, you'd be wise to wait until next week before making any major decisions. While you will not be short on mental strength by any means this week, you might find you are overly emotional, to the point where your judgement is clouded. You might find that you are unusually moody and vulnerable. Finding a good balance between your mind and heart can be very challenging for you, as your twins don't always want to work together. The best thing you can do for yourself is to keep your mind occupied and to nurture yourself. Be patient with yourself as well. You will know what to do soon enough.

CANCER (June 22-July 22):

You might be more tempted to remain with your feelings of vulnerability and hurt, preferring to turn toward overindulgence. Anything but confrontation! If you are like most of your fellow Cancers, you'd rather face the plague than someone you're upset with. Yet, if you ever want to get past feeling guilty or like a victim, you will need to overcome this. The more you deal with the confrontations that are necessary in your life, the stronger and more confident you will become. If your feelings are important enough to dominate your thinking, they are important enough to address. Take action in all the relationships that are troubling you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

You'll find yourself in the frame of mind that will see some forceful thinking on Monday. Guard against being too headstrong, you might need to step back from any situation you feel overly strong about, as you may show a lack of impartiality. When you swing from one extreme of shutting out everyone else's opinions and ideas to the other of feeling like you are a failure, you need to stop and think. Working in a more consistently cooperative environment means maintaining the balance mentioned here.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

This week enhances your need for change. It would not be the least bit surprising if you were thinking of moving your home, job site, or even domestic environment. Listen to yourself and follow your heart. Not everything in life will bring a guarantee, no matter how much you wish for it. Sometimes you have to trust in your gut feelings. If you have a partner, talk with them about your feelings and ideas. Perhaps all you need is to travel a little and to see some places you've never seen before. This might be all the change and rest your heart requires.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):

You may experience serious disharmony on the domestic scene this week. Further, health issues can become prominent, especially for women. Oftentimes, the conflict at home will occur if you have a partner whom your parents or close friends don't approve of. If you find yourself in the position or something similar, it's imperative that you continue to try and find a workable solution that will make you happy. Your efforts are eventually going to be worth it as you won't be able to tolerate a scenario like this in the long run.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):

You are well known for being reserved, quiet, and even secretive, and in many ways this is a real strength for you as it affords you great insight, concentration and intellect. Yet, it can also be your downfall, especially when it comes to relationships. Feelings such as intolerance of others and jealousy indicate a strong need for creative release. Yours is also a creative spirit and through such activities as painting, dance, writing, music and fiction, you receive respite from the intensity of working. You must allow your emotions the flow they need to keep your overall being well and contented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

A strong sense of loyalty runs through your veins. Especially where family is concerned. Oftentimes, there isn't anything you won't do for someone in need whom you care about. However, this devotion can also become your greatest source of sorrow when the person you are loyal to does not share your dedication. This might become painfully obvious to you this week. You can experience great sorrow through unreciprocated or unreciprocated affections. After you've had a good cry, try to see the opportunity you have to learn from the experience.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

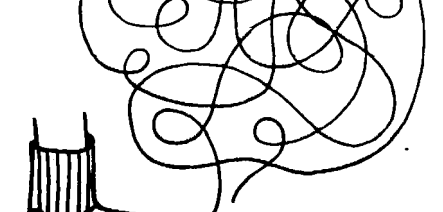
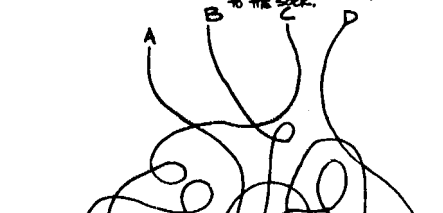
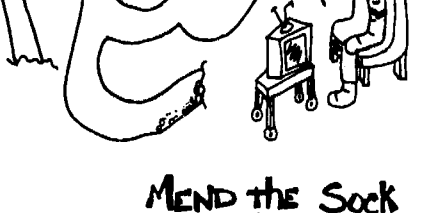
You should enjoy a wonderfully happy and popular week. If you don't feel too ambitious or energetic, not to worry. Things will come to you easily and readily. You won't have to hunt for opportunity - it will find you. This is the perfect time to take a week's holiday and to spend some time with the people you can truly be yourself with. If this is not possible, consider allowing yourself to work at a pace that is slow and easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Many great ideas and dreams are born from the minds of your sign, and chances are, you are no exception. You can at times be completely inflexible, demanding, and difficult to be around. Your temper may not show itself often, but when it does it can be brutal. One way to prevent this kind of turmoil is to direct your introspective work toward the true state of your relationships with others. Take note of those who trouble you, challenge you, or cause you pain. These may be the source of your mood swings and irritability. You may feel insecure when you get right down to it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):

The desire to hide away and suffer alone is likely to happen this week if you experience hurt in a romantic relationship. While you are naturally social and will often be the first one to arrive at the scene of someone who needs support, allowing others to do the same for you is another story. When you give and give to others, yet refuse to seek out counsel and comfort for yourself, and deplete your resources. Not only do you leave yourself short of emotional strength, you can also harbor some feelings of resentment. Self-pity can then set in. But if you back up a couple of steps, you will see that this can all be avoided. Don't expect others to sense things like you do.



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Date	H	L	Rain	Extended Forecast
4/11	55	34	0.02	
4/12	62	36	2.40	
4/13	62	38	0.10	
4/14	51	27	0.04	
4/15	59	30		
4/16	57	31		
4/17	38	28	0.01	

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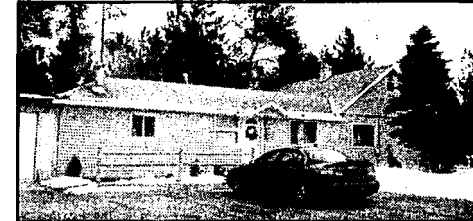
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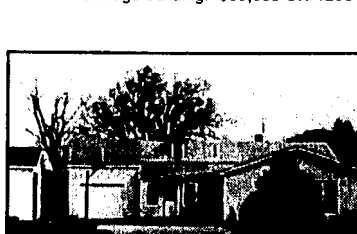
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If it be knowledge or wisdom one is seeking, then one had better go direct to the source. And the source is not the scholar or philosopher, not the master, saint, or teacher, but life itself—direct experience of life.
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8. Announcements

HAPPY 24TH BIRTHDAY Brock Prater, April 21, from your friends. (-19/9)

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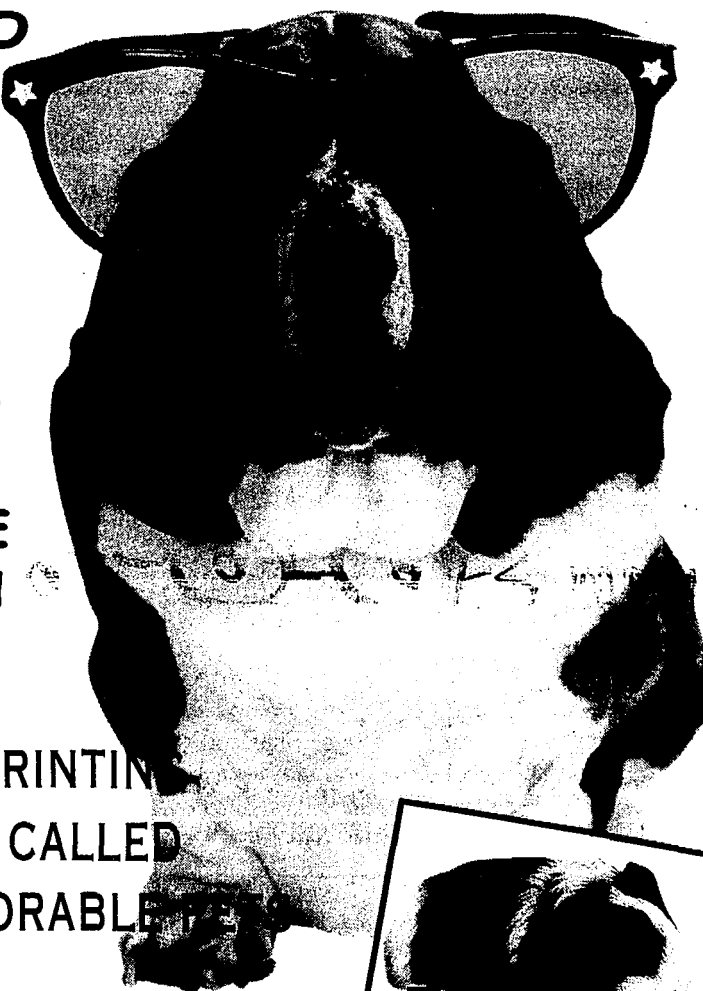


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Deadline is April 23, 2001. Here are some questions to get you started:

Who is the teacher you best remember? Why? Who is the teacher who cared about you as a person? Who encouraged you to do your best, mentored you and helped you become more successful than you ever thought possible?

I want to thank _____ (Teacher's Name) for a job well done. He/she deserves the Golden Apple Award because _____ (Complete in 50 words or less)

My teacher teaches (taught) _____ (School Name) during _____ (Year) My age _____ (if still in school)

My name _____ I am (was) a student at _____ (School Name) in _____ (Year)

My address _____ (Street) _____ (City) _____ (Zip) My phone number _____

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\$230 million in road/bridge work planned

The Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) recently released, third Five-Year Road & Bridge Program calls for an investment of \$230 million in the roads and bridges of northern Michigan.

In addition, MDOT will invest tens of millions of dollars in Capital Preventive Maintenance (CPM) and routine maintenance in the next five years. The roads and bridges of MDOT's North Region are managed by Transportation Service Centers (TSC) in Alpena, Traverse City, Grayling, and Cadillac. Together, the four TSCs oversee 24 counties.

The work, scheduled from 2001-2005, will improve more than 288 miles, almost 15 percent of the North Region's nearly 1,970 miles of state highways. This total includes more than 15 miles of new passing relief lanes.

"We continue to look at the best

way to move motorists and goods into the important tourist areas of northern Michigan," said State Transportation Director Gregory J. Rosine. "That's why we are working on improving the M-72 corridor between Grayling and Traverse City, M-65 in northeast Michigan, and extending the US-131 freeway to north of Manton."

During the next five years, several important corridors in the North Region will receive significant improvements. These include 12 projects on the US-131 corridor, four projects on US-23, nine projects on US-31, 14 projects on I-75, four projects on M-65, three on M-72, six on M-22, and five projects on US-10.

MDOT also is investing almost 22 percent of its CPM program miles in the North Region in 2001. MDOT views CPM as a strategic investment to extend pavement life for good

pavements up to 10 years. Typical CPM projects include crack filling, joint sealing, pavement repairs and restoration, micro-surfacing, chip sealing and some mill and resurfacing jobs. This year MDOT has 61 CPM projects in the North Region improving nearly 270 miles of state highways.

There are 26 construction projects slated for 2001 alone in the North Region. Some of the key projects include:

- Rehabilitate and resurface 4.8 miles of I-75 from Cook Road to north of M-30 and from Gray Road to Ski Park Road near West Branch
- Replace the bridge over the MIRC railroad on US-31 in Beulah
- Freeway and interchange construction of the US-131 freeway from M-55 to US-131 north of Cadillac in Wexford County
- Repair and resurface 3.2 miles of US-31/M-37 from South Airport Road to Grandview Parkway in Traverse City (will be completed before Cherry Festival)
- Resurface 5.3 miles with lane widening and non-motorized path construction on M-119 from Beach Road to west of State Road
- Replace culvert over Squaw Bay on US-23 in Alpena Township
- Micro-surface 12.6 miles of I-75 from the south Otsego county line to M-32 south of Gaylord.

"Work continues on fixing the worst roads first in the North Region. We are working to achieve our goal of having 90 percent of state roads in good condition by 2007," said North Region Engineer Brian Ness. "We will be improving several major corridors while working to minimize traffic impacts whenever we can."

MDOT's Five Year Road & Bridge Program also includes projects Gov. John Engler initiated through *Build Michigan III* to address economic development and congestion. Projects from this program will provide a more responsive transportation system for Michigan's residents, businesses, and tourists.

For a complete copy of the Five Year Road & Bridge Program, contact the Office of Communications at (517) 373-2160, or access it on the Internet at:

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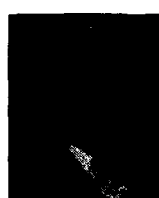
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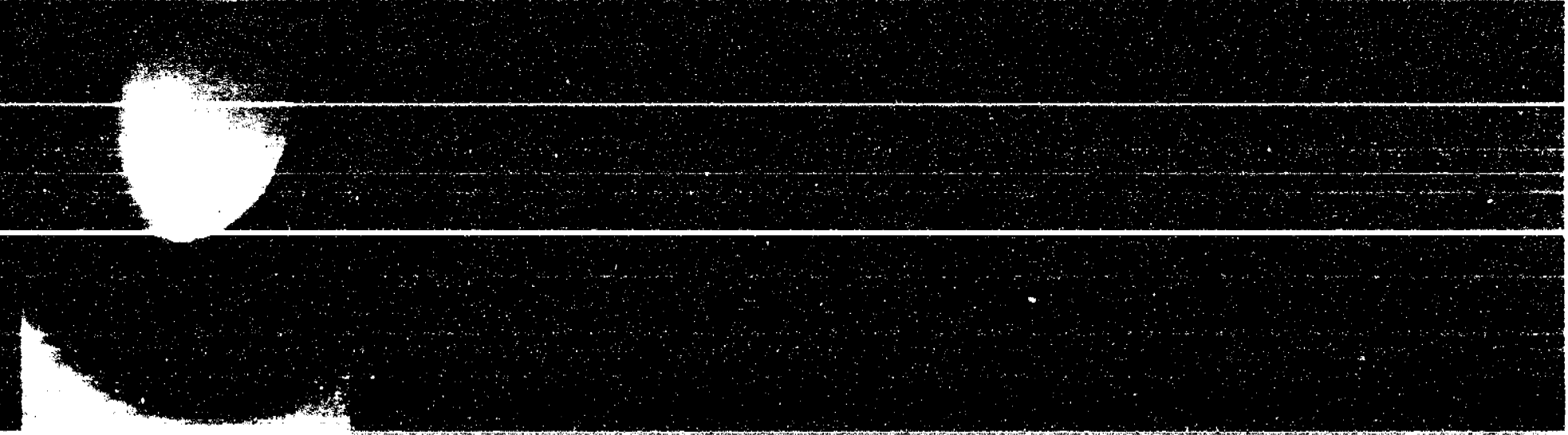
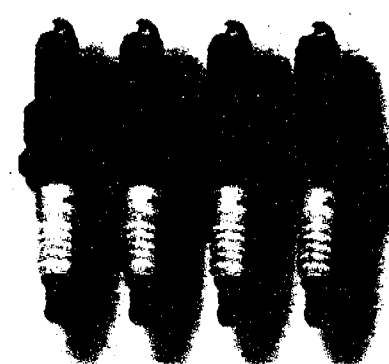
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Do Cars 'Think' For Us? Don't Count On It.

Her nephew characterizes Aunt Phoebe as cautious to a fault, citing the day her "check engine" light went on as she reached the teller at the drive in bank. Promptly turning off the ignition, she went to a phone to call her brother for help, leaving customers in line behind her quite upset.

Aunt Phoebe once shortened a vacation trip so she could return home to her regular mechanic before the next scheduled service was due. "It said so right on my reminder sticker."

Warning lights and reminder stickers were not designed to worry us, only to help avert trouble, says the Car Care Council. For example, a conscientious owner benefits by knowing the condition of an air filter before it's so dirty it chokes off air to the

engine. Many new vehicles incorporate such a warning device in the system, which helps save fuel and cut down on harmful exhaust emissions.

Brake condition is monitored, as are oil pressure and the electrical, cooling systems and various emission control components. On some cars a new option is a tire pressure monitoring system using a remote sensor mounted in each tire. Even a minor leak quickly is noted and reported to the driver so repairs can be done before damage becomes serious.

Because many of these advancements still are not found on most vehicles, drivers are urged to do their own monitor-

ing. This begins with sensible planning and a thorough pre-trip inspection to avoid curtailing a trip as Aunt Phoebe had to do. Car Care Council reminds us that a wise owner knows how to do routine checks under the hood and around the car, not only on a trip but also at home during routine driving.

Form the habit of checking regularly, recommends the Council, who emphasize the importance of periodic tire pressure checks. Checking tire condition pressure, a procedure that takes only a few minutes, should be a monthly procedure. It's easy to check fluids such as oil, coolant and transmission and brake fluid.

For more information visit the Council's website at www.car-carecouncil.org

Windshield Repair Or Replacement? Easy Tips To Determine.

If your windshield is chipped or cracked, it pays to repair it as quickly as possible. According to auto glass experts, any windshield damage — from rock chips to small cracks — is likely to spread if left untreated.

"Today's little problem can turn into tomorrow's big headache," says Paul Rice, director of PPG PROSTARS, a nationwide alliance of certified auto glass technicians. "Because small damaged areas can quickly become big ones, many insurance companies will cover the entire cost of windshield chip repair."

How can you tell if your windshield should be repaired or replaced? First, examine the damage.

Typical rock chips can be repaired if they are smaller than the size of a quarter, and are not in the driver's direct line of sight. Chip repairs take about 30 minutes to fix, and usually leave a small blemish where the glass was broken.

If the damage on your windshield appears in the "acute

area" of your driving line of vision, your windshield should be replaced. Installation time will depend on the adhesive used, the weather conditions and the thoroughness of the installer. Be sure to ask your auto glass shop to provide an estimate, including the amount of time your vehicle needs to sit before it is safe, and legal, to drive again.

"When choosing an auto glass service center, select a certified, experienced technician who is familiar with many different types of vehicles and the best techniques and products to use for the job," states Bob Beranek, president, Automotive Glass Consultants. "Also be sure that your installer backs his work with a written warranty."

To locate a certified auto glass technician close to you, visit the PPG PROSTARS web site at www.ppgprostars.com or call 800-PPG-7011. The web site also features a section of frequently asked questions that provides car owners a wealth of useful information.



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Venus And Mars Talk Cars

Venus and Mars, aka Jessica Levy and Roger Kwapich, are renaissance technicians. Through their editorial contributions to the Car Care Council they address the difference automotive needs to male and female technicians.

Dear Venus & Mars,

I'm concerned about the tires on my car. There's so much information out there. What's your take on it all?

The View from Mars:

Obviously, tires are one of the most important items on the vehicle, and one of the most overlooked and taken for granted. Not only are they responsible for allowing the vehicle to ride smoothly, but also for stopping the car. The brakes stop the wheels but the tires stop the vehicle.

In order for the tires to do their job, there are a few things you need to do or have a professional do for you.

First, look at the condition of each tire. Any cuts or abrasions on the sides of the tires should be attended to at once. Next, look at the tire's tread; that's the part of the tire that touches the road. There are several "wear bars" placed perpendicular to

the tire's tread pattern. These wear bars are about 3/16" thick from the bald spot of the tire's tread. If any part of any wear bar is seen, the tire should be replaced.

Next, notice the wear pattern on the tires' tread. It should be even along the entire tread. Check to see if it is uneven, one side worn more than the other side of the tire, or there are flat spots along the tread. Alignment, balance, or worn suspension parts could be the problem.

Last but not equally important, is tire pressure. Tire pressure should be checked at least monthly. Check the air pressure before driving the vehicle very far (less than 2 miles). Use a high quality tire gauge and set the pressure to the tire manufacturer's recommendations. As a secondary recommendation, the vehicle's owner's manual can be used, too. The reason I suggest the tire manufacturer's recommendations is simple. As technology changes, you can get the latest changes for the tires on your vehicle from the maker. Once the owner's manual is printed, it can't be changed or updated.

Remember: As the tire heats

up or the temperature rises, the air pressure goes up too. For approximately every 70 F that the temperature goes up, air pressure increases 2 PSI.

The View from Venus:

I agree with Mars. Also, if you can't afford to buy a full set, make sure you keep the tires with the best tread on the driving wheels of your car. If you have a front wheel drive vehicle, when you rotate the tires or buy new ones, keep the best tires in the front. This will give you the best traction possible.

It is important that the tread patterns on your tires match or are very close. This is especially important on the two front and two rear tires. For example, if you have to get a new front tire, make sure the other front tire has the same or close to the same pattern. It will also help if the tread depth is close on both tires. The tread patterns and depths help determine the gripping and drive quality of the tires. Matching or closely matching patterns help both tires react the same and therefore offer better driving control.

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"Good Question..."

By Cathy Reichow

Q: I have a 1996 Chevy Cavalier with a new battery. In the past couple weeks, after sitting more than one day, the new battery has gone dead. This has happened on two occasions. I did notice that after the battery was replaced that the clock on the radio stays lit continuously. Could the clock make the battery go dead?

A: Yes, the clock remaining lit could be the culprit. It sounds like your ignition switch is bad, allowing current through on the accessory side of the terminal. It would be a good idea to have it checked. When your battery goes dead on a regular basis it can cause premature damage to the alternator by overworking to charge the battery back to full capacity.

Q: I am purchasing a used vehicle and trying to make a decision on whether to purchase a warranty policy on the vehicle. It is a 3 year, 36,000 mile warranty, which will cost approximately \$1,000.00. Should I

purchase the warranty?

A: There are many ways to look at warranty policies. First your regular technician should inspect any used vehicle you are purchasing.

Next, how old is the vehicle and what are the chances of the components that are covered failing during that period. Keep in mind that if you do purchase a warranty it is very important that you keep accurate records of your maintenance.

Be sure to follow the manufacturer's guidelines on recommended services. If you don't, this could void your warranty. Ask for a few references of customers that have purchased the warranty to find out how the claims are handled.

Was the claims department prompt and professional? You also need to weigh how much preventative maintenance you can do for that \$1000.00 vs. the odds of component failure. It's best to get a professional opinion of the vehicle before you make this decision.

Co-owner of Dan R's Automotive Sales and Service, Cathy is an ASE Certified Auto Parts Specialist and a member of the Car Care Council women's Board.

In addition, she's an editorial contributor to the Car Care Council, whose purpose is to educate motorists about vehicle maintenance, repair and enhancements.

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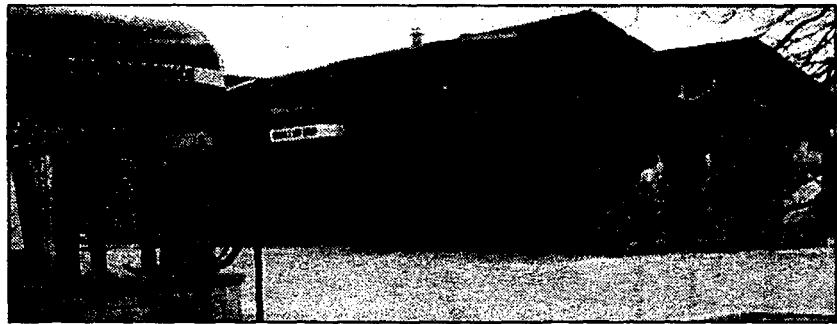
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Be Prepared For Collision Repair

No one plans for collision repair. But preparation is key to surviving a vehicle repair experience, especially collision repair. These are just some of the questions to ask yourself: What do you do when an accident happens to your vehicle? Who do you call for help? How can you restore your car to "pre-accident" condition with minimal hassle? How can you and your car get back on the road quickly? Here are some answers to common questions asked by first time accident victims.

I've just been in an accident. What do I do?

The first thing to do is determine if anyone has been injured in the accident, and call an ambulance if required. Calling the police responsible for the area in which the accident took place is also a wise idea. You may need to have an accident report number, provided by the

police, if you want to submit a claim to your insurance company. Make sure to get the names, addresses, phone numbers and insurance information of everyone involved in the accident.

The accident has made it impossible or dangerous to drive my car. Who can I call for help?

While most minor accidents don't require a tow truck, there are times when cars can't be driven after accidents. Commonly, vehicle owners arrange for a tow truck through their insurance carrier's roadside assistance plan. Drivers of new and/or leased vehicles should also consider their vehicle's original equipment manufacturer (OEM) emergency roadside assistance plans. The OEM roadside assistance plans' coverage matches or is often more inclusive than the insurance companies' counterparts.

As an example, Ford Motor Company's Roadside Assistance Plan covers all its new vehicles for 3 years/36,000 miles (4 years/50,000 miles for Lincoln), whichever comes first.

Where should I get my car repaired?

One of the most critical aspects of collision repair is getting the vehicle returned to "pre-accident condition." To accomplish this goal, it's necessary to find a reputable collision repair facility that has the expertise and equipment to do the job right—the first time. Your auto dealership may be the best point of reference, though it is likely your insurance company will also make recommendations. You have the final say in where your car gets repaired though. Take the time to ask around and select the dealership or body shop with the best references.

How do I know my car is getting repaired properly and affordably?

Reviewing a few facts about collision repair can help you make educated decisions on issues that may affect the quality of repairs and, ultimately, the value of your repaired vehicle. During the collision repair process you will have to make several choices, especially about the parts used to repair your vehicle (commonly known as "crash parts").

Crash parts are defined as the sheet metal and plastic components most often damaged in accidents, such as fenders, hoods, bumpers and doors. OEM (original equipment manufacturer) crash parts are made by or for vehicle manufacturers, and are the same as the parts installed on new vehicles. They are made with the same tooling, stamping, and materials as the original parts.

In contrast to OEM parts, there are after market parts (unauthorized imitations of OEM parts), salvaged parts removed from "totaled" vehicles, and reconditioned parts. Your insurance company may specify any of the above listed parts for your repair but you can

request that your car be repaired with specific parts.

To make the choice that's right for you, consider these facts:

- Testing by a variety of manufacturers and independent firms consistently confirms that OEM crash parts clearly out-perform after market crash parts in all critical quality areas, including fit, finish, structural integrity, corrosion protection and dent resistance.

- OEM crash parts are the same as those used on new vehicles, which meet all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS).

- OEM crash parts carry industry-leading warranties.

- Significant questions remain unanswered about quality, durability and safety of after market crash parts. In addition, damage to adjoining or adjacent parts and/or system, caused by a substandard after market crash part, is not covered by vehicle manufacturer warranties.

- A nationwide collision study found a vehicle repaired with OEM parts was professionally appraised \$760 more than one repaired with after market parts. Consumers appraised the car with OEM parts at \$1,670 more.

Will I get my car back quickly?

Of course the speed with which your car is repaired will depend on the severity of the accident. Reading the collision repair estimate carefully can speed up the process considerably. Collision repair estimates can be confusing, so ask for explanations of all the abbreviations, acronyms or terms that you may not fully understand. If you are offered a repair payment check immediately at a drive-in claim center, don't cash it until you review the estimate with the collision repairer to be sure the check covers all repairs. This could save you some aggravation with your insurance company and more time in the body shop later with additional repairs.

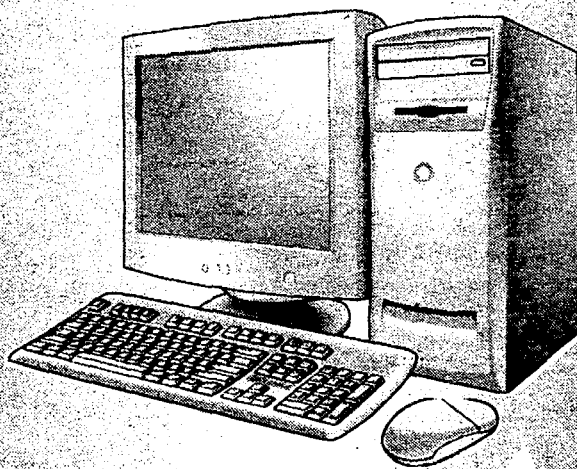
Using OEM parts can also save you time and money. Surveys conducted by Industrial Marketing Research (IMR) and Body Shop Business Magazine found on average that using after market parts increases repair time by 29% because of their poor fit. Increased repair time leads to more time without your vehicle and increased rental car bills.

So what's the bottom line? It's your vehicle. If you need collision repair, know your rights. Select a reputable body shop. Read the estimate and repair order carefully. Make your preference for parts known—before repairs begin. If you don't get involved in the decision-making process before repairs actually begin, your parts preferences may not be considered. And inspect all repairs carefully before you sign-off on the job. These easy tips will help protect your vehicle investment and ensure a satisfying collision repair experience.

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In anticipation of warmer weather, millions of Americans get in physical shape. NAPA (National Automotive Parts Association) recommends that consumers do the same for their vehicles by following a simple checklist to ensure safe and headache-free summer road trips and driving.

The checklist is relatively inexpensive and can be completed by an ASE-certified (Automotive Service Excellence) automotive technician in a short time.

The NAPA Spring Clean Checklist™

1. Wiper Blade Check. Your wipers worked hard all winter getting rid of dirt and debris on your windshield. Replacing them now means that you can drive with confidence during April showers.

2. Cleanliness Check. Check the radiator and the cowl (area on your hood just ahead of the windshield) for accumulated debris from winter. Remove any leaves or trash so that air intakes are clean.

3. Cooling System Check. Have your cooling system analyzed, including a check of your antifreeze.

Fresh antifreeze is vivid in color (usually bright green or blue), whereas dirty antifreeze looks dull. If the thermostat in your cooling system isn't operating properly, your engine can run too hot or cold, causing

either your gas mileage to decrease or, worse, your engine to overheat.

4. Belts and Hoses Check. In the winter, your belts and hoses take a lot of abuse from snow, salt and sand. They should be checked each spring to ensure they'll endure the summer's temperatures.

5. Brake Check. After cold weather driving, a brake check is a smart safety precaution. One of the most obvious warning signs is brake noise, including excessive grinding, squealing, screeching or chatter. If you have driven frequently through standing water, an inspection will ensure your brakes are free of corrosion and operating properly.

6. Air Conditioning Check. Spring is the perfect time to have your air conditioning (A/C) evaluated. In addition to diagnosing and correcting any problems before the hot weather sets in, it's usually less expensive and easier to get an appointment before the summer rush.

If you own an older vehicle, you may want to consider an A/C retrofit to update your system with the new environmentally friendly refrigerant R-134a. It replaces the harmful refrigerant R-12, commonly known as Freon, and costs less. (Automobiles made prior to 1992 and many made from 1992 to 1994 have systems that use R-12.)

Upgrade Your Vehicle For Safety and Fun

Many motorists are under the impression that the car they own is the car they are stuck with until trade-in time. Nothing could be farther from the truth, says the Car Care Council.

Thanks to specialty equipment manufacturers, lots can be done to change your vehicle in terms of both safety and appearance. With the height of the summer driving season approaching, there are several safety items that may make motorists less vulnerable. One is as simple as an added signal.

This special signal is in the form of a chevron incorporated in the vehicle's side mirrors. The chevron flashes whenever the turn signals are used. This alerts passing motorists, who cannot see your blinkers, of your intentions.

Tire safety is on everyone's mind these days, but few motorists want to take the time to perform the suggested monthly tire pressure checks. A new wireless component for tires monitors both the air pressure and temperature.

The Council also encourages motorists to keep a close eye on tread wear and alignment. Along with improving your safety, these checks can mean savings on both gas and replace-

ment tires.

If backing up your vehicle is a challenge, this safety product is a must. The system's detection pattern has a range of up to six feet behind the vehicle's bumper, so garbage cans, bikes, retaining walls and pets are no longer a hazard. It also has peripheral coverage to aid in parallel parking.

While the specialty equipment manufacturers produce a great deal of safety equipment, they also know how to have fun. Take for example a new table that makes your vehicle the hottest attraction at the next tailgate party. It attaches to the trailer hitch and features storage space as well as fishing pole/utility holders.

Finally, if you want to get a head start on a relaxing summer, plug in your own massaging seat and back cushion. Its four massage motors with heat and magnets can soothe even the sorest muscles, but don't get too mellow, says the Council. Remember, you're still driving.

To take a look at these and more ideas to upgrade your car, visit your local automotive accessories dealer. For more information visit the Council's website at:

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Betcha Didn't Know: Fast Facts About Lead-Acid Batteries

In the 19th century, when the French scientist, Gaston Plante, invented the lead-acid battery to store electrical energy, he couldn't have envisioned the significance his invention would hold in the 21st century. Today, advanced versions of his batteries are everywhere, working out of sight, and the mobile, wired and wireless lifestyle we enjoy would not be possible without them.

Scientists have been looking for a competitor that is lightweight, inexpensive, powerful, long-lived and recyclable. But lead batteries have the greatest energy density per pound, the longest life cycle and a more mature recycling infrastructure than any other battery in their price range. For stored electrical energy, lead-acid batteries are the technological and environmental standard of our time.

These quick facts from Battery Council International might surprise you.

1. Which consumer product is recycled more than lead-acid batteries?

There isn't one. For 10 consecutive years, more lead from spent batteries has been recycled than any other consumer product. More than 90 percent of battery lead is recycled, compared to 62.5 percent of aluminum cans, 35 percent of glass containers and 69 percent of newspapers.

2. When is a dead car battery not dead?

When it's merely drained. The battery usually can be

recharged when you leave your headlights on, or when your alternator isn't working. The battery is dead when it reaches the end of its service life. But its lead, plastic and acid are recycled and used in new batteries. In a continuous cycle, a dead battery contributes the materials that become a new battery.

3. How was the first lead-acid battery used?

Invented in 1859, the battery was first used to keep the lights on in railroad cars stopped at train stations.

4. What do you learn by looking at a black battery?

That it is probably made with recycled plastic. During recycling, battery cases are broken into small pieces. When multi-colored pieces are melted together, the resulting plastic is black.

5. What kind of battery is used in most electric vehicles?

Lead-acid batteries power the country's electric fork and scissor lift trucks, golf cars, mining vehicles, street sweepers, mail delivery vehicles and indoor and outdoor passenger shuttles.

6. Where do you find the most lead-acid batteries?

On land, batteries start and power vehicles; back up uninterruptible operations like hospitals, air traffic controls, railroad signals and weapons systems; and help electric utilities shift loads among grids. Batteries are on the water, too, powering navigational signals, backing up critical systems in submarines,

starting engines and powering electrical devices in boats.

7. What do telephones, computers and batteries have in common?

Lead industrial batteries back up wired and wireless telephones and computer systems during power outages. Batteries are the reason why the phones stay on when the power is out. And during blackouts or brownouts, the lead batteries in the UPS system back up computers, keeping them from losing data.

Battery Council International (www.batterycouncil.org), representing lead-acid battery manufacturers and recyclers in the U.S. and around the world, is the authoritative source of lead-acid battery related information.

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For Comfort And Safety Inspect Those Shocks And Struts

Cruising down the road with a friend, your car hits a bump and you car bottoms out.

"Man, did you feel that?" asks your passenger. "The rear end of your car was kissing the ground, hard. You've got to get some new shocks."

Truth is, you didn't feel a thing. You've been driving with bad shocks for a long time, unaware that your car fails to hug the road on a curve or that it bounces from side to side on a rough road.

You didn't notice this for the same reason you don't notice your children growing taller or your parents turning grayer, says the Car Care Council. It all happens gradually. This is why motorists should be aware of failing shocks or, depending upon your vehicle, struts.

One misconception about these components is that their purpose is strictly to ensure a more comfortable ride. Not so, says the Council. The primary function of shock absorbers and struts is to help your car maintain steady contact with the

road.

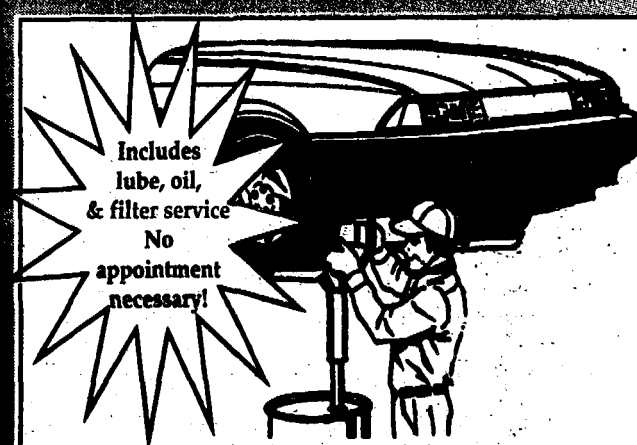
In addition, good shocks and/or the struts that incorporate shock absorbers, save wear and tear of other components. Tires, steering linkage, ball joints, springs, and C.V. joints may need premature replacement when these components fail to perform.

A shock/strut depends upon hydraulic action for resistance that controls the up-and-down motion, aka "ride control." When this component wears, developing a leak, an under-car inspection will disclose an oily deposit on the tubular part of the component.

To guard against this situation, have these components inspected whenever your car is being serviced, or at least every 25,000 miles. Discuss your driving needs with your technician to decide on replacement intervals that fit your requirements.

For more information visit the Council's web site at www.car-carecouncil.org

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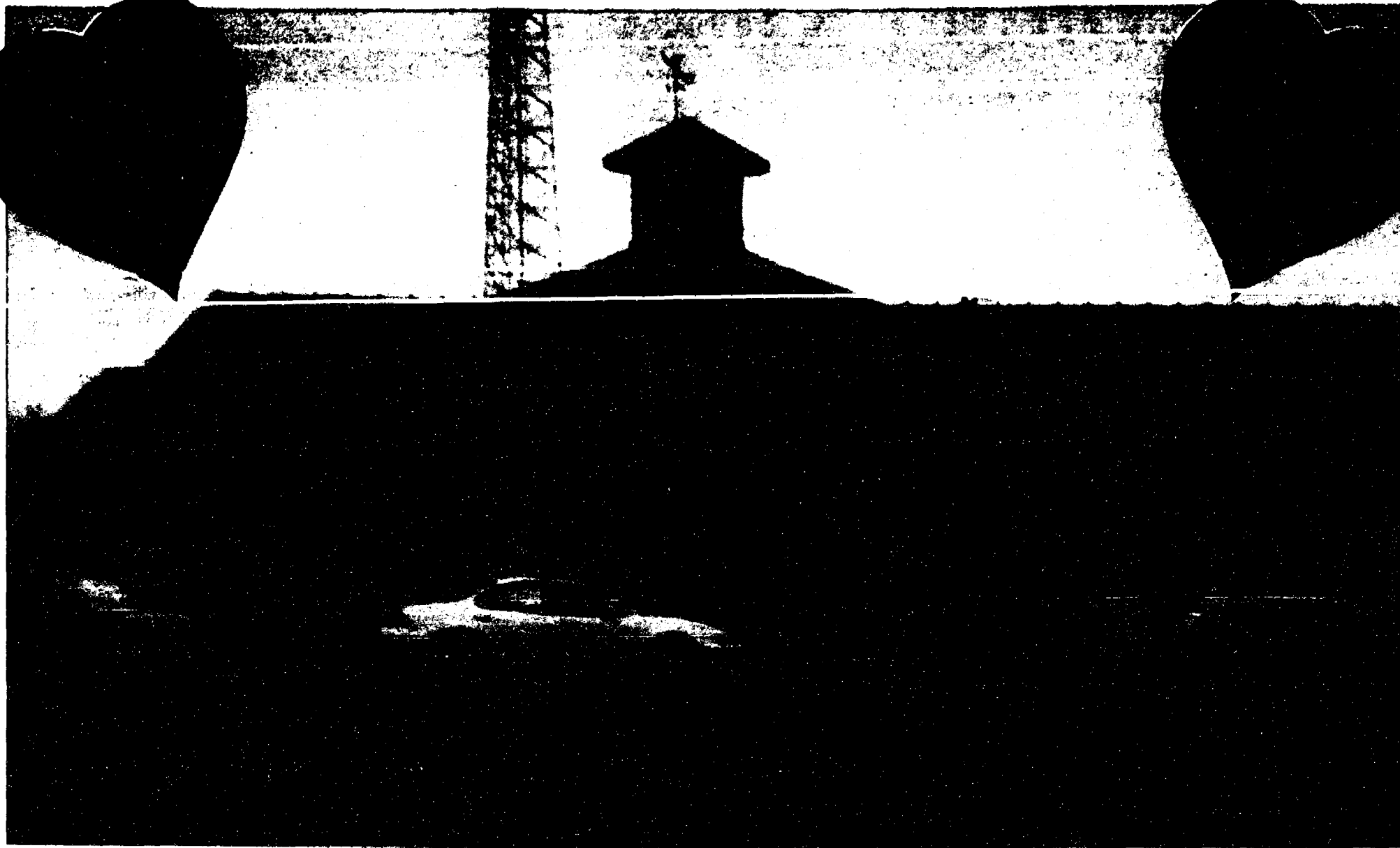


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